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HON. MR. KEMP'S CONVERSATIONS.

CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW?

The Hongkong Government Attitude.

Although there is nothing very definite as to the outcome of such conversations—which are referred to below—in an official communication received to-day for publication—one presumption is that a "peace conference" to end the Canton boycott will be held. The statement reads:—

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., Attorney-General, held informal conversations at Canton on April 8 and 9 with Mr. C. C. Wu as a preliminary to the formal conference which is in view for the ending of the boycott.

The conversations were friendly and exhaustive, and Mr. Kemp took the opportunity of making it quite clear that the Hongkong Government would not pay strike pay or compensation for non-reinstatement of strikers, nor would it countenance any such payment.

The conversations were adjourned sine die, but it was agreed that they should be resumed before the meeting of the formal conference.

Preceding Events.

It will be recalled that the Canton Government signified its willingness to appoint three official delegates to meet representatives of Hongkong in a conference.

ILLICIT OPIUM.

PURSER AND SEAMAN
"CHARGED."

"SUI AN" FIND.

The purser of the s.s. "Sui An," Mr. J. F. Azevedo, was the first defendant and a Chinese seaman (also of the "Sui An") the second defendant in a charge of possession of 40 tael of illicit opium (value \$480) before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the first defendant, Mr. A. E. Hall for the second, and Mr. R. A. Wadson watched proceedings on behalf of the Steamboat Company.

A Chinese revenue officer stated in evidence that, acting on information received, he kept a watch on the arrival of the steamer on Thursday and saw the second defendant pass out of the Wing Lok wharf with a despatch box. Defendant boarded a west-bound tram car and witness followed him into the car. At the next halt witness told defendant that he suspected there was opium inside the box whereupon defendant asked him to go together to the Steamboat Company's office where he could inspect the contents. Defendant and the box were then taken to the revenue office where C. R. O. Watt was waiting by an arrangement made before hand.

Chief Revenue Officer Watt gave evidence of the discovery of the opium in the despatch box fastened with straps and his visit to the purser's office when the first defendant was pointed out as the person who handed the box to the second defendant. Witness stated that on the first defendant being shown the contents of the box the latter said that he left the box outside his office door to be taken to the Steamboat Company's office and he had only put in a cash book.

The witnesses were cross-examined by the defence and the case is proceeding.

Six Mauser pistols and over 4,000 rounds of ammunition were retrieved from the harbour yesterday when the occupants of a sampan were seen to throw them overboard on the approach of detectives. Two men were arrested.

A Chinese had served a period of banishment was reprimanded by the Central Magistrate when charged with stealing wood at Wanchai. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour and told he would at the end of the term be probably banished for life.

NOT DECIDED.

GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TO ELECTION.

LATEST POSITION.

Enquiries made this morning elicited nothing definite as to the attitude the Government will adopt towards the anomalous state of affairs which led to hundreds of electors not being able to record their votes in the poll for a Sanitary Board member.

Mr. H. A. Nisbet, the Registrar who ordered the poll to be closed at the gazetted time, adheres to his view that this was the only thing to do although he informed a "China Mail" reporter this morning that the legal position had not yet been thoroughly gone into.

The matter would be considered by the Government, he added, and an announcement might be made in the course of the next few days.

Asked if a written protest had yet been made by Dr. Ozorio, Mr. Nisbet replied that at the time of speaking none had been made.

Hundreds Turned Away.

Indignation was expressed by the large crowd of would-be voters, some 300, who were at the Supreme Court yesterday and were unable to go vote owing to the lack of facilities. In addition to those who had remained in the building, many left earlier when they saw there was no hope of their being able to poll or that it would necessitate a long and tedious wait under uncomfortable conditions.

The poll was only open from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and right from the start the position was obviously hopeless, the crowd that had awaited the opening not having been nearly disposed of when the 5 o'clock rush came.

Inadequate Staff.

Inside the polling booth was a staff of two, Messrs. H. A. Nisbet and C. D. Melbourne, assisted by a clerk and two door-keepers, a number totally inadequate in view of the reference to lists that was necessary in respect of each voter.

As 5.30 approached, there were questions inside the polling room as to whether the election would hold good if the hour was extended. Dr. Ho maintained that voters present should be given the opportunity to vote. Mr. Nisbet, however, held that the poll should close at the gazetted time.

Poll Declared.

In spite of hundreds being in the room and around it at the stated time, the poll was declared closed and the figures announced:—

Dr. S. C. Ho 220

Dr. F. M. G. Ozorio 158

An Objection.

Mr. J. D. d'Almada Remedios, Dr. Ozorio's second, approached the table and said, "I object to this election as the people who were here should have been allowed to vote."

Mr. Nisbet replied that he had noted the objection.

Interviewed afterwards, Dr. Ozorio said, "I think the election was very unfair. The electors didn't have a chance to vote. I know I had at least 700 to 800 votes and most of them were not recorded."

Dr. Ho, after being congratulated all round, said to a newspaper representative, "The people outside were entitled to vote, and I think they should have been allowed to do so."

KOWLOON HOUSES.

FALSE REPRESENTATION ALLEGED.

\$30,000 INVOLVED.

An interesting issue concerning house property in Kowloon was commenced in the Supreme Court this morning, plaintiff holding that he was "induced" by "false and fraudulent representation" to invest \$30,000.

Plaintiff was Mr. Leung, merchant, of 29 Seymour Road, and defendants the Hop Hich Investing Company and Wong Po-keung and Wong Fu-kwok (partners).

Plaintiff claimed the rescission of the agreement under which he had taken shares; repayment of the \$30,000 and interest; damages in respect of the "false and fraudulent representation"; dissolution of the partnership; the appointment of a receiver; accounts and payment of amount found due.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo) was for plaintiff and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy represented defendants.

In his statement for the plaintiff, Mr. Potter said that plaintiff was introduced to the Wongs in the summer of 1923 and they told him that they and a few others had arranged to form a partnership for the purpose of acquiring certain property in Kowloon and that in fact, prior to that they had made arrangements to acquire the property. They told plaintiff that the property consisted of sixteen houses in a good position, that it was valued at seven lakhs and that the investment would be a good one. The property was on a lot at the time and had it continued, said Mr. Potter, there would have been no doubt about it being a good speculation.

The Wongs informed plaintiff that the partnership was to have a capital of eight lakhs, that the property was to be acquired with-out mortgage and that the shares would be fully paid. As far as the plaintiff was concerned his shares had been fully paid but the others had not been, said Mr. Potter.

Received No Scrip.

Plaintiff agreed to be a partner, having been acquainted with the Wongs, and had previous dealings with them. He got receipts for the sum he invested, one sum toward which was paid in Hongkong and two others remitted from Canton. He received no share scrip at the time.

In March, 1924, plaintiff was given notice of a meeting of partners to be held in Hongkong, the first meeting of partners he had attended. It was at this meeting that the plaintiff first got to know that the property was mortgaged for \$520,000 and that the defendants were the mortgagors.

Plaintiff complained, continued Mr. Potter, and eventually he was handed share scrip of the value of his investment. On this scrip were stipulations, the effect of which was that if there were encumbrances on the estate, holders money was not to be touched.

Plaintiff also found out at this meeting, continued counsel, that the capital of the firm was only four lakhs and not eight lakhs, as had been stated.

Mr. Potter at this stage asked His Lordship if he would allow of his putting in a photograph of share scrip of another investor interested in the firm but His Lordship did not accede to this request.

Promise To Pay.

At a final interview following complaints by the plaintiff, defendants promised to repay the \$30,000, but the amount had not been forthcoming. The promise had been made a twelve month ago.

A clerk in the Land Office was put into the witness box to give evidence bearing out Mr. Potter's opening and proved the raising of the mortgage by the defendants, the mortgagors being the Bank of East Asia.

Witness also said that records showed that the land had been bought by the Wongs for \$761,478. Plaintiff gave evidence of the negotiations.

The case is proceeding.

For the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow the weather forecast is E. winds, moderate, generally overcast, occasional rain. Since 10 a.m. yesterday the rainfall was 0.40 inch.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/2 15/16.

NEW HOPE.

WORK AMONG SOUTH CHINA'S LEPERS.

MR. DANNER HERE.

Suggests Starting Local Auxiliary.

Having returned from a visit to the leper missions of South China, Mr. W. M. Danner, General Secretary of the American Mission to Lepers, had some interesting experiences and his account of the difficulties under which the work is carried out serves to show the need for greater support of these worthy institutions.

Although an American organization, the Society, he is travelling in the missions it is prepared to help. As Mr. Danner said to a "China Mail" representative, the great aim is to get the governments of the several countries to a closer realization of their responsibilities in the matter and having, as in some cases, enabled the initial work to be done, to get the authorities to carry on with it.

The absence of realization of the need for such work being more especially marked in China, the Mission has paid particular attention to this country and the active support of the Chinese medical profession has been secured in furthering the success of the progress of the newly formed Chinese Mission to Lepers.

Pirate Support.

In the course of his tour, Mr. Danner called at Tai-Kam, the leper island south-west of Canton where Dr. John Lake and his wife are carrying out such excellent work. Here he was agreeably surprised to find the pirates who infest the waters in that region, working with the lepers themselves in the erection of the hospital and other buildings which are to house over 250 under treatment for leprosy.

The effectiveness in practice of the old adage "set a thief to catch a thief" was illustrated in the manner in which Mr. Danner was able to reach Tai-Kam, the leper island.

Desirous of making the journey from Macao, he found that the usual services to the island were discontinued owing to the activities of pirates who have been particularly active there recently. He was then referred to an ex-pirate captain whose services were paid for by the local fishers and who made a profitable calling out of protecting their boats from unwelcome attentions.

The ex-pirate placed his sailing ship (which is mounted with seven guns) at the disposal of the leper worker and took him to the island, the absence of all molestation by the many suspicious craft they passed speaking well for the reputation this wily officer has established in that region.

Up-Country Work.

Mr. Danner also visited the leper settlements at Tungshing and Sheklung, both of which are in a rather bad way owing to their low lying position, the inundation of floods and the failure of the Chinese authorities to fulfil promises of financial help.

In the former mission, which is conducted under the auspices of the Rhenish Mission, some 300 lepers are undergoing treatment whilst even greater numbers are accommodated at the Roman Catholic settlement at Sheklung, some 700 being accommodated.

Whilst in the North, Mr. Danner visited leper missions at Siao Kan, Tengchen, Hanchow and other places. The mission helps many of these and with the aid of local missionaries distributes medical aid to treatment.

Whilst recognising the harm that may be done by spreading exaggerated stories of the wonderful cures that can be effected as a result of modern medical scientific discoveries, Mr. Danner thinks that the present more than any other time warrants a hopeful outlook for the leper. It was the aim of the society, he told a "China Mail" reporter, instead of spreading tales of the horror of leprosy, to preach a message of hope. The lepers with whom he had come into contact were not hopelessly dejected creatures, overcome by the thought of their terrible misfortune. They were, on the whole, a happy people and they all had the hope that their disease might be if not permanently eradicated, arrested sufficiently for them to be let out on parole.

This was happening in many cases, said Mr. Danner, and it was made possible as a result of the new treatment of other lepers.

of Chamoolgra oil. Until comparatively recent times, the systems of patients had not been able to absorb the unpleasant treatment of the early Chamoolgra oil mixtures, but much good work was being done with the newer product.

As Dr. Henry Fowler, a well-to-do Shanghai man, who had devoted his life to leper work in China, had said, the lack of leper laws and the general apathy on the part of the public and the authorities to leper problems made the work difficult but in the light of present knowledge, modern treatment with segregation of the leper subjects offers the best hope of ridding China of the disease.

Encouraging Progress.

As regarded the work in South China, Mr. Danner said it was encouraging to see the progress that was being made but he thought even more could be done if there was a more general realization of our duty to the leper, not only from the point of view of humanity but of the economic loss of service that the incidence of the disease entailed and the ever present danger that it constituted to healthy men and women.

Mr. Danner was hopeful of a local auxiliary of the Chinese Mission to Lepers being started in Hongkong and that the churches and other organizations might assist. The newly elected President of the Mission, Mr. William Vinson Lee, would be shortly visiting Hongkong, also the Executive Secretary, Mr. T. C. Wu, in an endeavour to raise interest in the work.

[In this connection, the leper work of the C.M.S. at Pakhoi, in the Diocese of Victoria, must not be overlooked. A very fine work is being carried on there amongst over 100 lepers and an interesting account of the past year's work of the mission there will be given in the "Sunday Herald".]

POSTMEN STRIKE.

MAIL VAN DRIVER TWICE ARRESTED.

GUILD INTERVENES.

A strike of postmen in Canton, on Saturday, which lasted only a day, throws light on the present position.

On April 4, the driver of a motor mail van was detained by the city police after a soldier had been injured in an accident, in which it was alleged that the soldier had been knocked down.

Subsequently the driver was released on bail. Then a letter was sent demanding \$500 compensation for the injuries which the soldier had sustained. The driver was detained a second time, when in charge of the van.

The postal employees' guild organized a procession. A delegation interviewed Mr. Tchen Wu, Commissioner of Police, and the driver was released. In the meanwhile, work had ceased on the Saturday. The guild issued a statement, a part of which indicated that the Post Office would be responsible for settling the matter of injuries. Work was then resumed on Sunday, there having been no disorderliness in the interval. Pickets are alleged to have been on duty to notify all men, during the period, to stay away from work.

[Note:—As is probably well known, the Chinese Post Office is run on lines similar to the Maritime Customs.]

FALL OF ROCK.

Loosened by the heavy rains, a large piece of rock weighing about one ton came down the hillside at the back of the Shaokwan Police Station shortly before midnight.

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WATER FIGURES.

COLONY'S CONSUMPTION AND STOCKS.
COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

The water return for March was issued yesterday by the P.W.D. Once more the Analyst reports that the quality is satisfactory. Figures given below all relate to April 1.

Hongkong's quantity in storage, 683.66 million gallons (against 1,024.99 in 1925). Consumption during March was 198.26 million gallons; population estimated at 399,880; average 16.0 gallons per day. (Corresponding figures were 236.44 million gallons; 389,560; 19.5 gallons).

[Note: Intermittent supply in all rider main districts during March 1925 with the exception of 18 days (1st to 18th inclusive) when a constant supply was given in the districts east of Eastern Street only. Intermittent supply in all rider main districts up to March 14 and services to houses in the rider main districts were disconnected, and a supply was given by public street fountains only from March 15, 1924.]

Kowloon: quantity in storage, 151.95 million gallons (against 182.17 last year).

Consumption: 33.54 million gallons; estimated population, 154,380; average per head per day, 7.0 gallons. (Corresponding figures for March 1925 were 33.48 million gallons; 149,320; 7.2 gallons).

[Note: The supply was restricted in all Kowloon districts during March, 1925 and 1924.]

O.B.E. CANCELLED.

COLONEL WHO WAS CONVICTED OF GUN-RUNNING.

The "London Gazette" states that the King has directed that the appointment of James Christie, formerly temporary lieutenant-colonel 17th Battalion the Scottish Rifles, to be an O.B.E. (military division), dated June 3, 1920, shall be cancelled and annulled, and his name erased from the register, in consequence of his having been convicted by a civil court.

It is also stated that Lieutenant Christie is deprived of his military rank.

Colonel Christie was in August last arrested at Shanghai with a Frenchman, an American, a German, and a Chinese for smuggling arms into the country. He was sentenced by the British Court to three months' imprisonment and fined £25.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived per "President Van Buren" from New York on April 12.
Mrs. L. E. Arvidson, Lt. T. T. Craven, Mr. L. Moller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sieman, Miss J. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pottier, Mr. J. L. Bunt, Miss L. M. Gibson, Miss A. Leighton, Mr. H. B. Longfellow, Mr. T. Shinogi, Mr. F. E. Vinas, Mr. E. N. Waters, Mr. E. E. Waters, Prof. Geo. C. Wood, Mrs. E. Brennan, Mrs. J. Corwin, Master T. L. Corwin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Meinecke, Miss H. L. Preston, Mr. Jas. L. Price, Mr. F. B. Ross, Mrs. L. E. Thompson, Mr. Wm. S. Cookson, Mr. P. K. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Patterson, Mrs. J. Struthers, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gibson, Mr. C. Miller, Mr. R. A. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Newman, Mr. J. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Brand, Master J. B. Brand, Mrs. Ah-Sze, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nobbins, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parsons, Mr. L. Reynaud, Mrs. J. Sokabin, Miss C. Sokabin, Mr. D. Gadow and Dr. H. P. Pickard.

H.K. HOTEL RESIDENTS.

April 12.

Mr. G. A. Abanda, Mrs. Leahy, Mr. G. P. Anderson, Mr. C. H. Sano, Mr. H. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mr. and Mrs. Berends, Mr. H. J. Pearson, Mr. N. G. Boals, Mr. E. Pearson, Mrs. G. A. Boals, Mr. T. Carr Ramsey, Mr. L. J. Robbins, Mr. L. J. Robbins, Mrs. R. S. Davis, Mr. F. Cramer, Mr. E. Sebastian, Mr. and Mrs. Oulbert, Mr. William Johnson, Mr. J. L. Eutand, Mr. O. B. Shank, Mrs. Philby, Mr. E. J. Sinclair, Capt. F. S. Fisher, Mr. E. J. Robinson, Mr. George Gray, Mr. E. W. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gambart, Mr. C. M. Walker, Mr. J. E. Harston, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mrs. R. W. Higham, Mr. G. Wraye, Mr. R. T. Jefferys, Mr. B. Wyle, Mr. J. E. Joseph.

The latest bit of advertising veracity comes from the correspondence column which advertised that after studying one of our all of its pupils were fired with enthusiasm.

HUPEH TROOPS.

THE LOOTING OF FOREIGN HOUSES.

SOLDIERS AND THE VICTROLA.

The Rev. C. C. Skinner writes from Sinyangchow to the "C. C. Post":

We all felt good about the surrender. We had much confidence in Hupeh troops. We thought that they were so well commanded that looting would be out of the question. I was on the train with General Chiang to go to Hankow. When word came that they were looting the Hospital. I returned and found that the Hupeh soldiers were relieving the poor wounded at the gate-house of their quilts and money, but that they had not entered the hospital. The looting was stopped and a guard has been secured. The Shenai troops did not take a thing from the hospital during their entire stay.

Having seen this, I took a walk to the Girls' Middle School, located seven minutes away from the hospital. I knew that nothing had been touched there by the Shenai troops and that only 28 hours had gone by since they had left the city wall, so I did not anticipate that much damage could have been done. But, lo and behold, the house was full of soldiers. I heard one or two playing the piano, while the Victrola was squeaking as the needle was worn down, so they complained that it would not play. The floor was covered with books, feathers, etc., while rugs, table-covers, decorations, chinaware, table linen—in short, all that belongs in a dining-room and study—had all disappeared. What was left outside of furniture a peddler would not buy for ten cents.

We went upstairs and there also found several soldiers. Here the covers had been removed from all mattresses, all bedding had been taken, and all clothing and dresses (ladies). The down quilts had been stripped off their covering and then left behind. Every drawer was emptied, every box and every closet cleaned. In the attic part of the flooring was destroyed as the soldiers had stepped through it in several places. Here every trunk or box, eight or ten of them, was swept clean and not a rag was left.

Outside the school I grabbed one soldier with a bag full of clothing, some Chinese and some foreign. I also snapped a picture of one of them trying to get away with a quilt and some dishes. I collected these things and set out to see Lin Si-hing, so as to show him what was going on. Unfortunately, he had just gone into the city, and he could not be reached by telephone. One of the officers, however, went with me and I was joined by the Rev. Sovik. We showed this officer the entire house, and we rounded up about 20 looters although some others got away. The officer thought the affair was terrible and he cursed and hit some of the men.

We then went to see the Chinese dormitory, and found that all the teachers and girls who had been left in the building were gone. Washbasins, teacups, teapots, quilts, clothing, even pens and writing materials, and many other small articles were gone. In this building we found many soldiers. The Rev. Nesso, who has twice been robbed by robbers, once by Lao Yang-tan, said that the robbers had never cleaned our place so thoroughly. The officers are now putting guards on duty, but what was going on must have been known to them before we notified them.

While writing comes word from Westgate that they are looting there. The Chinese say that the officers of the new forces are better, but the soldiers themselves seem to be as bad if not worse than the old ones.

When the "C. C. P." informed us that the surrender of Sinyangchow was unconditional it was somewhat far from the truth; in fact, the terms agreed to were General Chiang's. He declared himself willing to give up his arms on the following conditions:

1.—One month's salary for officers and men.
2.—That all arms be left in the city until the men had cleared out, as in case of any breaches he wanted to use the guns and fight to a finish.
3.—That all the surrendered men be brought to their homes.
To these conditions the Hupeh commanders agreed in full. The money was brought up—\$78,000. This, however, proved insufficient to pay all the officers and the remainder was promised to be paid at Hankow.

"What is the best after-dinner speech you ever heard?"
"Waiter! Give me both bills!"

BRONCHIAL COUGHS.

BRONCHIAL coughs are not infrequently very annoying. They are often caused by colds and are usually accompanied by a runny nose and a sore throat. The best remedy for these ailments is a good cough syrup. One of the best is the one advertised in this column. It is a pure, natural product and is very effective. It is sold in all the leading drug stores.

EUROPEAN CHARGED.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON POLICE CONSTABLE.

"UNNECESSARILY OFFICIOUS."

The case against Mr. E. A. Barbour for an alleged assault on a police constable, was concluded in the District Court at Singapore. Mr. Barbour was represented by the honourable Mr. C. Everett, and Mr. D. Kenney, Court Inspector, conducted the prosecution.

It will be remembered that the assault is alleged to have taken place at the wharf on the morning of March 22. Accused boarded the steamer "Melchior Treub" and on leaving the ship he was stopped by a constable on duty who informed him that he could not leave. There was a conversation in Malay and then the incident developed seriously.

The complainant gave evidence to the effect that he had been given instructions from Inspector Meade not to allow any person to leave the ship until examination of the passports had been completed. The accused did not pay any heed to what he told him and ducking under the railings, came ashore. He tried to stop the accused again but each time he held him the accused swung his arm free, at the same time hitting him on the chest as he did so. One of the blows resulted in his cap being knocked off.

"I then threw a bag I was holding at the accused," the police constable continued. The bag hit the accused in the back. Then Mr. Barbour turned round and hit him on the face and on the mouth. He fell over and on getting up he unclipped his belt and swung it about to defend himself from being struck again. He did not strike the accused with the belt.

Bruises on Constable's Face.
Inspector Meade said that he was informed that there was trouble between a European and a constable and on going to investigate he saw the complainant being held by Mr. Johnston and he also saw a Sikh constable between them and the accused. Witness gave evidence also of the bruises on the complainant's face.

After the Sikh constable had given evidence of having gone to the complainant's assistance, Mr. Everett opened the case for the defence by putting Mr. Barbour in the box.

Accused stated that he went on board the Melchior Treub without anybody stopping him and on leaving the police constable grabbed him by his arm. He turned round and shook the man off. The constable said nothing to him before getting hold of him. The constable again tried to get hold of him, and he pushed him away (he did not strike him) and he thought that his ring on his left hand must have cut the P.C. on the face. Then something struck him in the back. He turned round and saw a bag on the ground and looking at the constable he saw him attempting to undo his belt. He then struck the constable.

Mr. Everett told the Court that so far as the facts were concerned, the prosecution and the defence were practically agreed: the P.C. had no power to arrest a person under the section and he was exceeding his duty. He asked His Honour to believe that until the P.C. lost his temper and threw the bag at Mr. Barbour the latter did not hit him.

P.C. was the Aggressor.

In delivering judgment in the afternoon, Mr. David said, referring to the charge of leaving the "Melchior Treub" without the permission of the passport officer while examination of passports was being proceeded with, that there was no doubt that the defendant had offended against the ordinance by leaving the steamer contrary to regulations, and on this account a fine of \$25 was imposed.

With regard to the charge of assaulting the constable, there was some difficulty in giving a decision. It seemed to him that there was some ground for the defendant's contention that the police constable was unnecessarily officious. It was obvious that under the regulations the constable had no right to actually arrest anybody. He tried to stop the defendant from going on the ship and while it was no quite clear what powers he had, he obviously had no power to arrest.

It seemed that he attempted to arrest the defendant and the first act of hostility from the evidence was when the constable threw the bag at the defendant. The constable seemed to have been the aggressor. There might be some excuse on both sides for the parties losing their tempers, but he thought that the constable was in the wrong. He fined the defendant \$25 and allowed him to go.

TARIFF CONFERENCE.

TWO CHINESE DELEGATES ONLY REMAIN.

SURTAX QUESTION SETTLED.

In an interview on March 24, Mr. Hoki, Japan's delegate at the Tariff Conference, stated that Dr. C. T. Wang had gone to Tientsin in connection with the situation, and there were only two other delegates, viz., Dr. W. W. Yen and Admiral Tsai Ting-kan, to represent China at the Conference. In addition, the former Foreign Minister had not yet been appointed, and accordingly it was thought that the Conference would not be convened until the situation was thoroughly settled. The situation had however, nothing to do with the determination of Powers' Delegates to bring the Conference to a successful issue, and no suggestion whatsoever had been made by them in the direction of the discontinuance of the Conference. They were ready to respond to China's convocation for the next session, and arrangements to that effect were in progress.

Further, His Excellency stated that the surtax question had all but been settled and the decision, so far reached, would be drawn up in a Resolution at the next session. It was definitely settled that articles would be subjected to taxation at the destination while the questions relative to custody and use of the taxes thus levied were also settled on the main. The question of the date for the enforcement of the taxation was still awaiting formal settlement, although an understanding had been reached thereon. It was expected that a final decision would be reached at the next session, while the convening of the next session was delayed owing to the situation.

Decision was furthermore reached as regards discriminating duties, which formed a subject of some what difficult discussion, thanks to the informal negotiations between the Technical Committees, and a list of dutiable articles was drafted. His Excellency could not speak further regarding the question, but he pointed out that it was a fact that China's original proposal had undergone more or less modification.

Mr. Hoki further referred to the question of the proposed reciprocal treaties between China and Japan and said that it was proposed and agreed upon that negotiations should be started as regards this subject. Although the negotiations were not yet started, because the Foreign Minister of China was not appointed, it was expected that they would meet as soon as the Minister is appointed.

CHURCHILL 'RAGGED'

PRESENTED WITH PADDY HAT AND CLAY PIPE.

Mr. Winston Churchill made an interesting addition to his wardrobe of hats during his recent visit to Belfast to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Law of Queen's University. He was presented with a paddy hat, and a clay pipe stuck with a band, and was subsequently the victim of a 'boisterous rag' in which he was compelled to wear the hat, carry a shillelagh, and ride in the streets in a jaunting car.

Later, in his speech he said that he cherished the hope that some day all Ireland would be loyal and united within itself and united with the British Empire.

"Fear cannot feed on good cheer," on an optimistic nature that takes each day as it comes, that meets duties as they offer themselves, that thanks God for the good of life and the strength to bear its burdens."—Rabbi Levy.

"The standard of expenditure in nearly all classes is far too high."—Sir Felix Schuster.
"Japan is crowded in space but not in time, while America is crowded in time but not in space."—R. D. McKenzie.

"The period of toil, struggle and hardship for the air pioneer is nearly over."—Dwight Davis.

"For every one of them (common people) that prohibition has made a flask-carrier, it has weaned scores from 'pail-carrying.' And that's what I call success!"—Monsignor Cassidy.

"Prof. J. Adams touched a fundamental truth when he said that in order to reach John Latin, it is necessary to know John as well as Latin."—A. C. McLaren.

"The main obstacles to the functioning of international peace agencies are great armies and navies."—L. V. Gordon.

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CHANG TSO-LIN.

ATTITUDE IN PEACE MOVEMENT.

FENG'S "TRICKERY."

Peking, March 27.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin's attitude in regard to the present peace movement may be gleaned from the following telegram which he sent to General Chang Chi-chiang on the 22nd instant in reply to the latter's wire of the 18th, expressing the willingness of the First Kuomintang to return unconditionally Jehol to Mukden jurisdiction.

"To Tuan Chang Chi-chiang: Your telegram of the 18th instant has been noted. Jehol and Chihli have been brought under the control of the First Kuomintang through the trickery of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang. Judging from your offer to surrender Jehol to Feng's jurisdiction, you have repented of the blunder of Marshal Feng and shown your action to be quite different from the treacherous and provocative deeds of Feng. I sent Kuo Ying-chow to Kalgan to negotiate with you. Our Yamen has agreed to you declaring in unmistakable language that we will never stoop to trickery. What do you think of our action as compared with one who asked General Feng Paoshan to take Peking by surprise while he was negotiating a peace pact with us?"

Both Jehol and Chihli were formerly under the control of our troops. If you want to re-establish the former cordial relations there is no doubt that the first thing for you to do is to restore the conditions which prevailed at the outbreak of hostilities last winter. Personally I have great respect for you and believe that you are sincere in reaching an amicable settlement with us. But it seems to me that throughout his whole life Marshal Feng has taken delight in adopting the doubtful and ambiguous course with the result that he has earned the contempt of the whole nation. I sincerely hope that you will not take him as your example.

In short, to secure peace we must restore the friendly relations that existed before the outbreak of war and should not stick to rights gained after the war. If our troops invade Kalgan and Suiyuan we would be guilty of deliberate provocation, but it would be wrong to say that we have no right to fight for the recovery of our lost territory. Whether we shall have peace or war rests upon your decision."—Kuo Wen.

CIVIL SERVICE.

CHIEF POINTS AT HOME OUTLINED.

The Civil Service estimates for the year ending March 31, 1927, are £300,641,000, compared with £312,954,000 for the current year. The exceptions are the general increases in the various departments, the increases in the Revenue Department being a million, in old age pensions three millions, in the best-sugar subsidy of 1½ millions and for the Board of Education of 3½ millions; while items appearing for the first time are four millions for widows and orphans, old age contributory pensions and half a million for Empire marketing.

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CONSUL CHARGED.

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION AT PENANG.

TICALS 93,000.

Peking, March 26.

On March 28 the Criminal Court at Bangkok had before it Phra Laddhakavadi, the former Siamese Consul in Penang. He was charged by the Attorney-General with misappropriation of a sum of Tcs. 93,000 odd belonging to the Siamese Government. On the charge being read out to the accused, he pleaded not guilty, says the "Siam Observer."

In reply to the Chief Judge, Phya Arthakonchanath, for the Krom Avakarn, gave a brief resume of the evidence against the accused. The hearing of the case was then fixed for May 17.

THIRTEEN ALLEGED OFFENCES. Accorded to the indictment, the accused is charged with thirteen offences.

As Consul for Siam the accused had the duty to sell drafts in Penang on the Treasuries in Siamese territory. The sum involved in the case represents the value of thirteen drafts issued by the accused to various firms and individuals, most of whom had mining interests in Singgora, Pattani, Trang, etc. It is alleged that those moneys were not sent by the accused to the Treasury account in the Bank in Penang, as it was his duty to do, but that he converted the proceeds to his own use.

INVESTIGATIONS IN SINGAPORE.

In October last, suspicion being aroused, Phya Pradibaddha Bhubal, the Consul-General in Singapore, was instructed by the Foreign Office to make investigations, and the alleged frauds were thereupon discovered. This resulted in Phra Laddhakavadi being recalled to Bangkok, and on arrival there he was, by His late Majesty's command, confined in the Palace jail.

When before the court, the accused asked for bail, but the Chief Judge informed him that his release was not to be considered until the Criminal Court had had no power to consider his application at the present stage of the case.

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EXTRATERRITORIALITY.

EXAMINATION OF THE LEGAL CODE COMPLETED.

JUDICIAL CONDITIONS NEXT.

Peking, March 26.

The Commission on Extraterritoriality in China, held its last meeting at Chun Jen Tang this morning at 10 o'clock, with Mr. Silas H. Strawn in the Chair. Questions raised by the Chinese delegates on matters relating to the exercise of Extraterritorial rights—that is on the constitution of the consular Court, laws and regulations used therefore, appointment of Consular Judges, etc.—were answered by the delegates of the respective countries. To facilitate the work, such privileged Power had submitted in writing to China beforehand the points requiring explanation; otherwise a considerably longer time would have been consumed.

The Commission having completed the examination of the code in force in China, the next task to be undertaken by its members will be the inspection of judicial conditions obtaining in various parts of the Republic, but owing to the turbulent state of affairs they cannot leave Peking on April 1 as they originally planned. They contemplated sailing by steamer to Shanghai, but in that case they must depart on March 29, as the ship leaves Tientsin on that date. Some, however, desire to avail themselves of the Tsingpu Railway, now that war operations on the line have been suspended. Still others suggest the advisability of sailing to Dairen, whence to proceed to Shanghai by the S. M. R. Co.'s boat. It is quite likely under such circumstances that a date of reaching Shanghai will be fixed and the matter of getting there will be left to the liberty of each commissioner.

At Shanghai, the party will be divided into two groups, one travelling in the Yangtze region, and the other in Kwangtung. After the completion of their work they will re-meet at Shanghai, and coming back to Dairen, will study conditions in Manchuria. As to the intended trip to Kalgan and regions thereabout, it is entirely uncertain, when that can be accomplished in consequence of the disturbance. At first they thought that a visit was possible during the present month while the Commission was in session, but that proved to be impracticable.

The result of study and inspection will be reported to a plenary meeting on the return of the party to Peking. Regarding the number of the Commissioners, constituting the party, to be detailed by each country, the matter remains just as uncertain as the date of their departure.—S.J.N.S.

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DID TSAO KUN DECLINE RELEASE?

KOU-MINCHUN AND WU.

Latest news from the north, says the "Central Chinese Post" of April 1, indicates that the Kuominchun in the Peking area are gradually being surrounded. A general halt of the allied forces has been called a little south of Fengtai in order to allow the Chihli troops, under the command of General Tien Wei-chun, to catch up and the Shensi men to arrive at Kalgan. The Chihli troops have been delayed through the destruction of the steel railway bridge at Sinochiao, thus entailing marching instead of train transport. The Hupeh troops slightly north of Paoingfu are also delaying their advance until these troops have caught up, when Chin Yun-ao will take command of this section of the advance. It is hoped that the completion of this cordon will render escape impossible for several Kuominchun divisions.

The allied commanders have little fear of further resistance as the capture of the Russian ammunition steamer by the Fengtian naval forces prevents the augmentation of their ammunition supply which is now at a low ebb, and in addition the morale of the Kuominchun troops seems to be completely broken. The Kuominchun under general Wei Yee-san's command, the surrender of which we reported some days ago, have now been placed under the command of General Tien Wei-chun and it is possible that they will take part on the allied side in the advance against Peking. The Kuominchun general Chang Chih-kiang, who is now the Commander-in-Chief of Kuominchun forces in the field, has sent a telegram to Marshal Wu Pei-fu in which he states that he speaks on behalf of the entire body of the Kuominchun. In this telegram he extends an invitation to Marshal Wu to come to Peking and take command; if Marshal Wu will accede to this request he can guarantee that the whole of the Kuominchun will accept him as their chief, but they do not wish to in any way recognise Chang Tso-lin. To this telegram no reply has been sent to date.

In Peking itself martial law has been declared and all gates are closed at seven-thirty p.m. while General Lu Chung-lin, formerly Garrison Commander but who since the retreat of Tuan to the Legation Quarters seems to have usurped his functions, has notified the Diplomatic Body that he takes full responsibility for the maintenance of order within the city and that they personally need have no fear in the event of any disturbance arising.

A SURPRISE FROM TSAO KUN.

That those who have been ruling in Peking are in the throes of fear is evidenced by the fact that at last they have, or rather have tried, to release Tsao Kun the late President, but Tsao Kun in his reply to their action has refused to leave his prison, stating that he is the president of the Republic of China, that he has been kept in captivity for some reason known only to the people who placed him there, and he does not now propose to be released by them. He has had no trial or been guilty of any offence that he is aware of and he will therefore await an explanation as to why he has been kept a prisoner and what has transpired during his captivity in the Republic he was supposed to be ruling.

The reply to this is not yet to hand. Affairs in Hunan are quiet, troops which reached the Hupeh border have been disarmed and there seems to be no further movement in this direction at the moment.

MILKMEK BOXERS.

Lieut. Commander the Hon. J. M. Kenworthy, M.P., who is an ex-heavy-weight champion of the Navy, presented the prizes to winners of the United Dairies' Boxing competitions at the National Sporting Club, London.

"We are badly in need of first-class boxing talent in this country," he said. "It is rather pathetic that England, the home and cradle of boxing, has not been able to produce a man capable of winning the world's championship for very many years. Boxing as a sport has many advantages. It is one of the finest exercises in the world. It teaches men to keep their temper and can be indulged in during the evenings in a limited space and at little cost. To do any good as boxing a man must lead a clean and sober life. He must have a good character, and he must be a sportsman."

RETIRED.

FAREWELL TO MR. A. BROOKE-SMITH.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

Mr. A. Brooke-Smith, the retiring general manager of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., who is shortly due to leave Shanghai permanently, was the guest of honour at a farewell dinner given at the Union Club on April 7 by Mr. Fan Ching-poo, chief comprador of Messrs. Jardine's and the director of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

There were many distinguished guests present, among them being H. M. Consul-General Mr. Sidney Barton, C.M.G., Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. G. E. Stitt, Mr. A. D. Bell, Mr. T.H.R. Shaw, Mr. A. W. Burkill, Major A. Hilton-Johnson, Mr. Tong Shao-chai, Fu Chiang Taiyin of the Hu-Hai districts and Director General of the Chinese Bureau of Public Works and Taxes; Mr. Hsu Yuan, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Yu Yeh-ching, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Feng Chu-pai, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Koo Ching-yi, Chairman of the Shanghai District Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Chu Yiu-kiang, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Shen Lien-fong, Chairman of the Chapel Chamber of Commerce and President of the Silk Guild; Mr. Sang Han-chang, Mr. F. M. Sah, former Commissioner of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Chun Shu-kai and Mr. Yang Mol-nan, compradores of the Tai-koo hong; Mr. Chun Bing-him, comprador of Messrs. A. R. Burkill and Sons and directors of the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co., Ltd.; Mr. Ku Tz-yu, comprador of the Waifong; Mr. Lo King-kee, comprador of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey; Mr. Koo Tz-pau, Chairman of the Piece Goods Association; Mr. Wu Lien-hu, Chairman of the Cotton Mill Owners' Association; Messrs. Chang Nieh-yun, Kun Hon-sun, Chun Woo-chi, Tseu Hsing-yok and others.

Mr. Pan Ching-poo, the host, delivered a lengthy and eulogistic speech in which high tribute was paid to the departing guest, "whose name," the speaker said, "is respected by both the Chinese and foreign communities alike."

"He has befriended the Chinese merchants in a way which is difficult to duplicate and impossible to surpass. As Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, he administered the affairs of this city in accordance with the highest ideals of municipal government and internationalism, concentrating all his power on the establishment of mutual confidence and good-will in international problems. His high sense of justice has won him the universal respect and admiration for his solid integrity, transparent honesty of purpose and passionate devotion to international commerce."

The speaker then dealt at some length with Mr. Brooke-Smith's long association with the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., from which he is retiring "after many years of valuable service to our company."

"All of us who are gathered here to-night know our guest with varying degrees of intimacy, but we are all sorry that he is leaving us," said Mr. Pan. "We trust that his return will be attended by peaceful rest and long life and that before long he will be able to give us another visit to renew the beautiful friendship which he has made here in China."

The health of the guest was then drunk by all, after which Mr. Brooke-Smith replied.

"I would like you all to know," he said, "that my good fortune in Shanghai and my happy relations with my Chinese friends has in a good measure been due to Mr. Pan's good effort. I would like to thank Mr. Pan for his very sincere remarks and the kind and charming things he has said about me. Many are undeserved. To you, gentlemen, I would like to express my appreciation for the happy way you have received my remarks. I can assure you that, in retirement, I will continue to take a keen interest in China and particularly in the progress and success of Shanghai."

Mr. Brooke-Smith then drank to the success and prosperity of all present. Brief, though eulogistic speeches were then made by Mr. Barton, who referred to the way in which the guest had furthered the relations between Chinese and foreigners in Shanghai, and by Mr. Hsu Yuan, who said that when Mr. Brooke-Smith was Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council they had worked happily and in close co-operation with the result that many vexing questions had been satisfactorily settled.

Mr. Tong Shao-yi also added a few words in honour of the departing guest.

CARGO SEIZED.

BOYCOTT PICKETS FIRE ON BOATS.

DIVE INTO THE RIVER.

How Canton watermen dived into the river, rather than face the strike pickets, is related by passengers who have come down to Hongkong.

On Saturday night, or in the small hours of Sunday morning, a number of shots were fired. It appears that two native boats, loaded with about 20 tubs of (fresh water) fish, valued at over \$1,000, were making for the s.s. "Langshan." An allegation has been made that "permission had been arranged," whatever that may mean—and it is given only for what it is worth.

When 500 feet or so off shore, the boats were fired at; presumably by boycott pickets. One of the first shots hit a helmsman, who either fell or jumped into the river. Another shot was also struck, and he went overboard. When the fire got within range, several others followed suit.

The foreign warships, trained their searchlights on the spot. One report is that a boat was lowered, and two of the refugees were thus saved. The fish boats and the cargoes are stated to have been seized by the pickets.

Negotiations between merchant organisations in Canton, and the boycott executive, relative to cargo owned by Messrs. Kwong Sang Hong, have been given publicity in the "Kung Sheng" "Yat Po" (published in Hongkong.)

It appears that some cargo shipped from Shanghai to Canton, for account of the firm, has been seized by pickets.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" from Hongkong arrived Marseilles on April 11 at 6.30 a.m.

The B. L. s.s. "Beninnes" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here tomorrow.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on April 9, left Yokohama on April 10, and is due at Vancouver on April 15.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia", Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on April 16.

The P. & O. s.s. "Perim" left Singapore for this port on April 11 at 7 a.m. and is due here on April 17 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 8 and is due here on April 21.

The s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on March 18 and is due here on or about April 23.

The B. L. s.s. "Bendoran" from Leith, Rotterdam and Antwerp is due to arrive here on April 23.

The s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on April 4 and is due here on or about May 12.

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"DELTA"	8,097	18th June	Shanghai & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,156	24th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"KASHGAR"	8,156	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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The Norwegian steamer "Johanna Dybwad" was found abandoned in mid-Atlantic by the American steamer "West Ira." The "Johanna Dybwad" was bound from Bergen to America with 3,000 tons of anthracite coal on board. Her funnel and her wheel-house, bridge, and chart-house had been smashed, whilst only a small life-boat was left; the remainder having been washed overboard by heavy seas. She was drifting across the general trade route, and was a danger to navigation. The Americans felt that she was too valuable a prize to lose, and a volunteer crew of thirteen were placed on board under the charge of Mr. Elliott, the chief officer. A tow-ropes was fixed, and the task of towing the derelict 1,100 miles was commenced on February 16. Wild weather was soon experienced, and the tow-ropes snapped. A little later a new rope was got on board, and towing was recommenced. In view of the damaged state of the steamer's funnel, the engine-room staff hit upon an ingenious plan for producing artificial draught by utilising the ventilators, and sufficient steam was procured in the main boiler to drive the vessel at the rate of four knots. This proved very useful in steering. As a result of more bad weather the tow-ropes again broke, but the "West Ira," stood by her charge, and managed to establish communication. The rope broke again, and it being discovered that the "Johanna Dybwad" could steam at the rate of six knots, it was decided that she should proceed under her own power. When the Lizard was near she was handed over to the care of a tug. The salvors returned to their ship thoroughly worn out but very proud of their feat. The Norwegian crew has been landed at New York.

William Penn's account of Pennsylvania, 1682, brought 492 a week or so ago at a sale at Messrs. Hodgson & Co., London. It was a fair copy, with lower margins noted. Other sales were first editions of Mollere's "L'Avare," 1689-236 (Pearson); Mollere's, "George Dandin," 1669, with several misprints in pagination, unbound; 227 (Maggs); and "Les Metamorphoses d'Ovide en latin et francais," par l'Abbe Banier, 1767-71, with plates after Moreau, etc., four volumes, contemporary calf, in good state—243. At Christie's on December 21 and 22 a widely diversified collection of books, autographs and manuscripts produced £1,048. The chief lots included John Taylor, "The Penitence Pilgrimage," 1618, and the same author's "Travels," 1620, in one volume, which realised £72 (Maggs); G. and F. Piranesi, "Vedute di Roma," no date, with 134 fine plates—£72 (Quaritch); a collection of thirty-two long and important autograph letters from George Canning to W. Sturges Bourne, 1799-1823—£48 (Pearson); a fourteenth century Book of Hours, on 222 pages, duodecimo size, by an English scribe, with two small miniatures and six large historiated initials, borders, etc.—£200 (Michelmore); and Moses Pitt, "The English Atlas," 1690-3—£75 (Sutton).

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lon) on March 23, to the wife
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daughter

BARTHOLOMEUSZ—At Colom-
bo, on March 25, to Dorothy,
wife of R. L. Bartholomeusz,

a daughter.

CRANFIELD—On April 7, 1926,
at the Victoria Nursing
Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and

Mrs. H. F. Cranfield, a son.

FITCH—On April 7, 1926, at Dr.
Fearn's Sanatorium, Shang-
hai, to Mr. and Mrs. George

A. Fitch, a son, John Town-
send.

MARRIAGES.

CORNISH—EASTWICK-FIELD.

The marriage took place on

January 21, 1926, of Herbert

George Cornish, and Mrs.

Laura Beatrice Eastwick-
Field, widow of the late Mr.

Eastwick-Field.

MULLER—ALLEN.—On April

6, 1926, at H.B.M. Consulate-
General, Shanghai, Gustav

Muller, son of the late Mr.

and Mrs. G. Muller, of

Buxton, Derbyshire, Eng-
land, to Beatrice Alice Allen,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
W. R. Allen, of Brighton,

England.

DEATHS.

WRIGHT—On March 18, at

Indore (Ceylon), Hyacinth

(nee Cannon), wife of

William Wright.

MASON—At Ceylon, on March

25, Arthur Finch, Mason,

Executive Engineer, Railway

Extensions. Age 56.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The wedding will take place at

St. John's Cathedral, at 3 p.m., on

Tuesday, April 20, of Mr. S. B.

Tan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs.

Tan Cheng-tuan, of Singapore,

to Miss Elizabeth Wong, eldest

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M.

Wong, Hongkong.

Friends are invited to be pre-
sent; also at the reception after
the ceremony, at the Chinese Mer-
chants' Club, China Building.

Hongkong, Tuesday, April 13, 1926.

A REGRETTABLE FIASCO.

No better argument for the
creation of a Municipal Council
for Hongkong could possibly be
imagined than the regrettable

fiasco at the election of a member

of the Sanitary Board yesterday.

The civic spirit was aroused in no

uncertain manner, only to be

crushed by reason of the inability

of hundreds to record their votes.

Under no Municipality in the

world could such a bungle be per-
petrated. It mattered not whether

the responsible authorities

were quite unprepared for such

an inrush of prospective voters

within the very short period

allowed for the election. They

had the list of eligible voters;

they had the exact number

thereof; they must have known of

the spirit of rivalry between two

sections of the community; and

they ought to have taken time by

the forelock and been ready for

any emergency.

Until an authoritative pro-
nouncement is forthcoming as to

the validity of yesterday's elec-
tion any comment on this phrase

of it were better withheld. Still,

experience of elections elsewhere

prompts one observation—that

although a certain hour may be

proclaimed for the closing of the

poll—on the stroke of which the

polling booth must be closed—all

electors then within the booth are

entitled to record their votes.

This procedure has never been

questioned, so far as we can re-
call, and its absolute equity cannot

be disputed. If a number of

electors—whether large or small—

are assembled in the polling

booth before the appointed hour

of closing it is no fault of theirs

if the facilities for recording their

votes are inadequate.

As the outcome of yesterday's

election neither of the two candi-
dates nor their supporters can be

satisfied. Indeed, they have

only been provided with another

"grouse" against the powers that

be, and with another argument in

favour of the creation of a Muni-
cipal Council to perform duties

that have been proved to be not

only outside the jurisdiction of

Government Servants but entirely

beyond their ability to execute in

an emergency. That is no fault

of the particular officials on duty

yesterday. They did all that they

possibly could do under the un-
fortunate circumstances. But the

system itself broke down as the

best civic schemes of the kind

under Government regime will

when least expected.

To prevent any repetition of

yesterday's fiasco the system must

be radically changed in respect of

elections to the Sanitary Board.

There is no reason why the elec-
tional officers should not be re-
leased for a day of all their other

duties and housed in the City

Hall (as was actually done during
the war), where voting could pro-
ceed between the hours of, say,
nine o'clock in the morning and
six o'clock in the evening. And
even if, on any future occasion,
only a couple of dozen electors
take the trouble of recording their
votes there will at least be no

possibility of such an unsatis-
factory outcome as that of yester-
day, which breeds only discontent
and propagates grievances.

In any event the declared result
of the election cannot be regarded
as final and binding until the Gov-
ernment has made an official
pronouncement, which ought not
to be unduly delayed.

FORWARD SALES.

The circumstances of June
last were probably the main
causes of the failure of what is
now known historically as The
June Settlement. Those circum-
stances, if they did anything, re-
vealed the weakness of human
nature where the fulfilment of a
promise or contract involving
money is concerned, and the
weakness of the system known on
the Share Market as "forward
sales." The resultant Government
enquiry emphasised this fact,
added nothing to the common
knowledge of the method hitherto
operating in Ice House Street and
left us much as we were. Slowly—
but we hope surely—the share
market is rising from the ruins
of its temporary disaster. Sales
are taking place as share reports
reveal, and Brokers have adapted
themselves to the altered con-
ditions which now prevail. There
will be few to question the state-
ment that the weakness of the
forward sales had not a little to
do with what took place last June.

This being so, the lay mind is
entitled to think that until more
prosperous times have arrived,
sales of shares on a cash basis only
should be the general rule. It
seems then a little disturbing to
read in a more or less widely
circulated share report something
to the effect that transactions
have taken place for "future
months" but that the "forward
market" is still very restricted.
There is no law against this and
the reply may very well be given
that only clients of undoubted
integrity are being dealt with
along these lines. It may not be
the concern of a public journal to
teach the Stock Exchange its
business; but there is such a
thing as pointing out that the
lessons of the past should not be
lightly ignored.

BANK NOTES.

FORGERY ALLEGED AGAINST
POSSESSORS.

TWO MEN ARRESTED.

A case was mentioned at the
Central Magistracy this morning
before Mr. R. E. Lindsell in
which a Heungshan farmer was
charged with possession of a
\$100 bank note of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank, alleged to be
a forgery. A further charge was
that of attempting to export money
from the Colony.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the de-
fence, applied for a date for
hearing. The case was adjourned
until noon on Friday, bail being
fixed at \$1,000.

Another case provided by the
arrest of a Chinese found in pos-
session of 184 one-dollar bank
notes, alleged to be forgeries, will
shortly come before the Magistrate.

CONSTABLE INJURED.

An Indian constable doing
traffic duty at the junction of Des
Vaux Road and Wing Wo Street
was knocked down by a tram car
and is now at the Government
Civil Hospital.

The accident is stated to have
been the result of an alleged dis-
regard of a signal to the tram car
driver to stop while the constable
gave right of way to a motor car.

A recent Plymouth paper re-
ports that the chairman of the
Devonport Committee of the
Royal Naval Benevolent Trust,
announced a meeting at the
Royal Sailors' Rest that a remi-
tance of \$117-14s. had been re-
ceived from H.M.S. "Hawkins,"
flagship of the China Station. The
sum was a contribution to the
Trust by the Fire Insurance Asso-
ciation of Hongkong in recogni-
tion of services rendered by
officers and men from the Royal
Navy at a fire which occurred at
the Hongkong Hotel on January
14th, the course of which an able
seaman from H.M.S. "Hawkins"
lost his life.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ELECTION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Coincident with the Chief
Justice's remark that Bankruptcy
Ordinances are hopelessly out of
date, I would say that Hongkong
Elections are absolutely out of
place. Fortunately we have no
occasional elections but one or
two is sufficient to be made the
laughing-stock of England and
America, where polling is a red-
letter day for the people. Criti-
cisms are never a pleasant com-
pliment to those needed but I think
they would appreciate that where
there is the absence of a critic,
the compliment is their own gain
in any successful effort achieved.
Yesterday was Election Day, but
the 24 hours for the polling cer-
tainly do not justify the red-letter
day that was meant to be ours,
and the huge crowd that was shut
out from casting their vote have
truly my deep sympathy and con-
cern. They were entitled to vote
and all arrived timely too but they
were kept waiting long before the
closing stage and when the door
was opened they were "grace-
fully" told that all was over.

Time is up. To these outsiders
a brief detail of how the election
was like, will not be out of place.
The Registrar and one assistant,
with sweated brows, were seated
each with a full list of jurors be-
fore them, surrounded on all sides
by intended voters. The ballot
box was in a position which gave
elbow rest to the voters while
waiting to hand in their names on
a slip of paper to be checked from
the list. When a name has been
checked and recorded, the voter
receives a ballot form and he puts
a cross against the name of his
choice. The ballot box should
then be looked for but great diffi-
culty was experienced to locate
where it was. The crowd was hid-
ing it from sight and the person
casting in a vote had first to move
away the many elbows over it.
The atmosphere in the room was
more than trying and voters
while persistently waiting for the
ballot form had grave anxiety for
a breath of the sea breeze out-
side. Now after the evidence of
yesterday's memorable event, it is
my fervent hope, in which the
masses join, that future elections
should be conducted more finely
and in the true characteristics of
what a Home election is repre-
sented to be. Circumstances
might be a little different out
here but the volume of names in
the Jury List and others entitled
to vote are sufficient numbers to
show, their public spirit and en-
thusiasm to participate in elec-
tions. The time was far short to
cope with the work and the
officials had probably not anti-
cipated the crowd. If a previous
thought had been given, the full
day should have been appointed
for the polling and to close at a
specified hour. Probably just a
few would come before the closing
and while votes have already been
cast during the morning and after-
noon, the chance of voting being
then accorded to all, the result
even if coming a little later will
I am sure, receive true satisfac-
tion. As has now been proved,
the total number of votes is com-
paratively small. That a lesson
is yet to be studied there is no
doubt on the part of those who
would avoid the destructive
weapon, the critic, the next time.

Yours, etc.,

Hongkong, April 13.

DAGGER IN WAIST.

RESULT OF SEARCH BY
DETECTIVES.

ACCUSED CONVICTED.

A dagger was found concealed
in the waist of a Chinese who was
searched by detectives for acting
suspiciously in Third Street
(western district) on Thursday
night.

Evidence was given at the
Central Magistracy this morning
when the defence was put forward
that the weapon, wrapped in
paper, was handed to him by
another man and he quickly hid it
in his waist, thinking it was
opium.

This explanation failed to
satisfy the Magistrate (Mr. R. E.
Lindsell) who imposed sentence of
twelve months' hard labour.

An interesting visitor to Hong-
kong is Mr. W. M. Danner, Gen-
eral Secretary of the American
mission to Lopera.

Several hundred guests were
present at the South China restau-
rant (China Building) yesterday to
celebrate Mr. Lam Wo-kei's con-
gratulations. Mr. Lam Wo-kei, the
well-known local building contrac-
tor, on the marriage of his second
daughter, Miss Lam, to a young
man from H.M.S. "Hawkins".

MEN IN THE NEWS.

THOSE WHO COUNT NOW
IN PEKING.

AND SOME WHO DON'T.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

Now that there has been another
big coup in Peking, a great many
non-Chinese are asking themselves
who the various people are. It is
not difficult to give a brief "Who's
Who," but that sort of information
can be found in the reference
books. However, it is impossible
to say definitely what party each
man belongs to, as the following
will show.

For purposes of brevity—no at-
tempt will be made to give careers,
etc.—it will be best to treat Marshal
Wu Pei-fu and ex-President Tsao
Kun as belonging to one party. In
post-Revolution days, Wu Pei-fu
has been Tsao Kun's right hand
man. Till their recent eclipse, Wu
was the real power, behind the
throne, especially when Tsao Kun
gave up the active command of the
troops for the Presidency.

It is not strictly correct to say
that Wu Pei-fu and Marshal Chang
Tao-lin (the Manchurian warlord)
are allies, even though they fought
a common enemy, Marshal Feng
Yu-hsiang (the Christian General).
When Wu was removed from power
last, he was at the front, directing
operations against Chang; his
Lieutenant, Feng, who stayed be-
hind to guard the home fires, turned
on him and Chang thereby
secured the victory. A couple of
years before that bit of treachery,
Wu had defeated Chang over the
same battleground.

Chang Tao-lin has been supreme
in the three eastern provinces
(Manchuria) for some years. His
ventures to extend the sphere of
his influence into China Proper
have not met with much success.
To-day his power is about the same.

Several years ago, Tang Chi-jui
rose to be the most powerful man
in the Republic. He was head of
the Anfu party (or club). Then
Wu Pei-fu drove him from Peking.
Later, Wu and his nominal chief
(Tsao Kun) were defeated by
Chang and the Christian General.
As neither Chang nor Feng was
strong enough to ignore the other,
Tuan Chi-j

PANAMA GOLD.

SUCCESS OF FLOTATION IN LONDON.

WARNINGS DISREGARDED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 12.

Notwithstanding the newspaper's guarded and lukewarm comments it is announced that owing to the heavy subscriptions, the list of applications for 500,000 shares in the Panama Corporation has been closed.

A Typical Comment.

London, April 12.

The "Times" City Notes, commenting on the Panama Corporation prospectus, remarks that the work done by the Vendor Company of Central America Exploration Consolidated, Limited, in developing the concessions seems very little for the £1,000,000 shares of the Panama Corporation which the Vendors receive. The engineer employed refers to mineral deposits of various kinds, but does not mention the Vendor Company having obtained any output. The engineer also states in one area that there are no roads, and the country is practically uninhabited.

The "Times" adds "There may be gold in large quantities in Panama, but in their present state, the concessions are obviously more suited to exploitation by a private syndicate of experts than by the general investing and uninformed public. Only investors with money to burn should subscribe to this issue."

HARD PRESSED.

KUOMINCHUN AT END OF ITS TETHER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 12.

Up to this evening Marshal Wu Peifu had not replied to the Kuominchun's invitation to him to come to Peking.

The coup d'état, which was evidently engineered without his knowledge, is now seen as a desperate bid for his support on the part of the Kuominchun leaders who are hard pressed on all sides and obviously near the end of their tether.

Prodigious efforts are still being made to secure admittance to the Hupeh fold, and delegates have been sent to Paoingfu to interview General Chin Yun-ao.

Peking, April 12.

Four Chinese were killed and nine injured by five bombs dropped by a Chinese Allied aeroplane attempting to demolish the Railway Station.



Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, chief of the American Asiatic expedition, narrowly escaped injury. Chi Jui Located.

Peking, April 13. It is definitely established that Tuan Chi-ji is taking refuge in business premises in the Legation quarter which is becoming known as the "Anfu Club" owing to the number of Anfuites who are sheltering there.

Tuan took the seal of office and sent out a warning that he would not be responsible for mandates during his absence.

BAGDAD MENACE.

FLOOD LEVEL 15 FEET ABOVE CITY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bagdad, April 12.

Many well-dressed native gentlemen are doing hard manual work for the first time in their lives by joining the remainder of the population to stem the flow of water.

The damage hitherto is £1,000,000, but the situation is hourly growing worse. The flood level is fifteen feet higher than Bagdad, which is being protected by embankments.

AIR FLIGHTS.

CAPTAIN DOISY MAY START FOR TOKYO.

FOUR DAYS' JOURNEY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 12.

According to the newspaper Liberte, Captain Pelletier Doisy proposes another flight to Tokyo early in May, endeavouring to complete it in four days.



The route will probably be Moscow, Irkutsk, and Peking.

AIR FORCE FLYERS REACH GOAL.

Cape Journey Ended.

Cape Town, April 12.

The Air Force flyers have arrived here.

[A message from Cairo on March 1, said:—The first stage in the 21,000 miles flight by the Royal Air Force to Cape Town, under the leadership of Wing Commander Pulford, comprising five officers and two mechanics has been completed by their arrival at Assuit from Heliopolis in four Fairey seaplanes fitted with undercarriages instead of floats, each one of which has a Napier Lion 450 h.p. engine. The flight is following the route mapped out by the Royal Air Force at the end of the war, when dense bush and tropical jungles were cleared, and aerodromes established 200 miles apart. The trip and return are expected to occupy ten weeks. There will be no attempts at record breaking.]

SPANISH AIRMAN STILL MISSING.

Searching the Desert.

Cairo, April 12.

Four aeroplanes from Amman are searching the desert for the Spanish airman, Captain Estevez, who is flying to Manila.

Captain Estevez was last sighted in the air 200 miles beyond Amman.

[A Bagdad cable yesterday reported:—Two of the Spanish airman who are flying from Madrid to Manila have arrived here. The whereabouts of the third are unknown.]

BACK FROM CONGO.

Greeting to Belgians.

Brussels, April 12.

The Belgian airman reached home from the Belgian Congo this afternoon, being greeted by His Majesty the King, the Premier, and an enthusiastic crowd.

[A Brussels cable of March 9 reported:—The Belgian airman Medaets and Verhaegen, with the mechanic Coppens, left at seven o'clock this morning for Belgrade, in an attempt to fly to the Belgian Congo via Cairo and the Nile Valley.]

U.S. AIR SERVICE.

BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR FIVE YEARS.

VOTE OF \$5,000,000.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 12.

The House of representatives has passed the Bill embodying \$5,000,000 for the building programme for the Naval Air Service, covering a period of five years.

CHINA ASSOCIATION.

LORD SOUTHBOROUGH AS PRESIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 12.

Lord Southborough has been elected President of the China Association.

[The first Baron Southborough, formerly Sir F. J. S. Hopwood, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., a Civil Lord of the Admiralty from 1912 to 1917, is a solicitor and was for many years an active participant in Colonial (particularly South African) railway and other commissions. He was a Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, in 1907-1911, and had been a Permanent Secretary of the Board of Trade from 1901 to 1907. He was President of the Commission to India in Reform, 1918-1919.]

HERO WORSHIP.

MUSOLINI'S RECEPTION IN TRIPOLI.

DEMANDS OBEDIENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tripoli, April 12.

Signor Mussolini received a most stirring welcome on landing from the battleship "Cavour." Salutes in the Harbour thundered, bands played and troops presented arms.

The Mayor of Tripoli made a cordial speech of welcome in Arabic. Mussolini then, on horseback, reviewed the troops, including the Libyan and Erythrean contingents. It was a most imposing spectacle. Mussolini was enthusiastically cheered by the large crowd.

After this Mussolini gave a speech to the crowd in the Central Square, saying that, their noble and mighty King, Victor Emmanuel, who was blessed by God and loved by all his people, had sent him to Tripoli which was for ever Italy's. If the Tripolitans persevered in their obedience to his lord and master they would be protected by just laws, for the King and the Italian Government desired that this land, in which were so many deathless memorials of ancient Rome, should be prosperous and happy.

He concluded by calling "Long live the King" and the crowd answered with cheers and cries of "Long Live the King" and "Long Live Mussolini."

Addressing a large crowd of Fascists, later from the balcony of the Governor's residence, Mussolini declared the visit was a demonstration of the might of the Italian nation, which had borne triumphant the immortal Fates from Rome to the shores of the African Sea. "Destiny urged us to this country, and nobody can dam the stream of destiny. Above all nobody can break our inflexible will."

Fascists' Gathering.

Tripoli, later.

After receiving a magnificent gold writing service and an Arab sword from the Mayor in the Town Hall, Signor Mussolini visited the headquarters of the local Fascists, where he received an enthusiastic reception.

In a speech Mussolini said that even had the attack on him had more serious consequences he would still have come to Tripoli, for it was the Fascist way not to be turned aside from its purpose. His visit to Tripoli had filled him with enthusiasm. He found the Italians there worthy of Fascist Italy, which was fortified, by her glorious past and ever advanced toward the sure triumph of tomorrow. (Loud cheers.)

Subsequently Signor Mussolini attended a banquet in his honour and a reception in the Governor's Palace.

The streets were illuminated at night.

DOVE OF PEACE.

CONDITIONS LAID DOWN FOR ABD EL KRIM.

REMOVAL FROM COUNTRY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 12.

Preparations for the opening of the Moroccan peace negotiations are rapidly pushing on. M. Poincaré conferred yesterday with Signor Olivani, the head of the Spanish delegation.

The French delegation, headed by General Simon, are to go to Madrid tomorrow with Signor Olivani en route for Ujda, where they are expected on Friday.

It is reported from a native source from Fez that Abd el Krim has ordered his forces to maintain a strict defensive.

According to "Le Matin," the Franco-Spanish peace conditions include compulsory disarmament of the rebel tribesmen, and supervision of any armed militia maintained by the Riffs in the future, submission to the Sultan, and, if possible, the removal of Abd el Krim from the country with suitable compensation.

Generous Amnesty.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, April 12.

The Franco-Spanish conditions for peace involve the grant of administrative autonomy and no alteration to the border of French Morocco, a generous amnesty, an exchange of prisoners, and obligatory disarmament of the rebels. The Riffs were advised that in case of the failure of the negotiations, the offensive—the preparation of which had not been suspended—will start immediately.

RUN ON BANKS.

STEMMING THE CRISIS IN CUBA.

CRUISER BRINGS \$48,000,000.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Havana, April 12.

The Cuban cruiser "Cuba" has arrived with \$48,000,000 with which to meet the renewal of the run on certain banks by small depositors.

This amount, together with other large sums despatched from New Orleans and Jacksonville, is expected to be more than sufficient to meet all demands for payment.

Altogether, 80,000,000 has arrived or is en route.

Hysteria Subsidized.

Havana, later.

Consequently, on the arrival of funds the hysteria of small depositors has subsided.

Moderate deposits were made this morning in the bank affected, the branches of which in the interior report that all is quiet.

Wall Street Affected.

New York, April 12.

The Cuban bank scare markedly affected Wall Street as the result of the withdrawal of \$100,000,000 which was sent to Havana.

Prices reacted sharply, and many stocks reached new low records, especially Motors.

United States Steel Common closed at 113½.

GREEK DISTATOR.

ELECTION AS PRESIDENT A CERTAINTY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Athens, April 12.

The returns from 23 districts, where the Presidential election was held yesterday, show an overwhelming vote for General Pangalos, whose election is now final.

[An Athens message of April 5 stated:—The results of the Presidential elections so far announced in twelve departments gives the Premier, General Pangalos, 90 per cent. of the votes cast. The remaining districts poll later in the week. The elections are due to the resignation of Mr. Condiotis. Until the last moment the only candidate was M. Demerdjis, but General Pangalos, objecting to what he termed M. Demerdjis's Monarchistic tendencies, decided to oppose M. Demerdjis himself.]

SOVIET RIPT.

AMERICAN DELEGATES SPEAK OUT.

FREEBOOTING METHODS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 12.

The Russian newspaper which is published here prints a letter signed by representatives of the Communist parties in South and Central America who are attending the Congress of the Third Internationale in Moscow, announcing the dissociation, on behalf of their parties, from the line taken by the Executive Committee in Moscow in Moscow on the grounds of its dictatorial attitude, criminal policy, freebooting methods, terrorism of individuals, and the employment of forged bank notes for propaganda.

MEXICO'S LAWS.

AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES.

REMOVING FRICTION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 12.

Ten Notes exchanged between Washington and Mexico City in the past five months have been published. They indicate a distinct progress toward the removal of the probable causes of friction between the two Governments.

The State Department, in issuing the Notes, makes no comment, and further communications are undoubtedly necessary in order to clear up several points still unsolved, but the friendly tone of the Notes is significant.

The main point cleared up so far is an agreement, by which the title to oil lands acquired by Americans prior to the adoption of the Carranza Constitution, in 1917 will be confirmed by 50 year concessions, which may be extended and will not be affected by the nationalisation of the Mexican subsoil resources.

WET OR DRY?

SALVATION ARMY OFFICER'S ADMISSION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 12.

The "Drys" took the stage in the Prohibition controversy before the Senate Committee, introducing 65 women delegates from various civic, temperance, and other humanitarian societies, opposing any modification of the Volstead Act.

Mrs. Peabody (Massachusetts) urged "the strongest thing in enforcement with the weakest thing in liquor."

Lieutenant Martha Hamon (New York Salvation Army), whilst claiming that the conditions of the pool had improved as the result of Prohibition, admitted that if a man had money enough he could get drunk whenever he wanted.

BELGIAN FINANCE.

REMARKABLE SUGGESTION FROM AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 12.

Some of the difficulties that the Belgian Government has encountered in the negotiations to raise a stabilisation loan abroad is mentioned by the "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent.

He states that American bankers declined to consider Belgian and other franc securities, and insisted on dollar or sterling securities, or, alternatively, Congo stocks and shares (particularly relating to rubber producing) and Katanga mining, to the value of 300,000,000 francs.

The correspondent adds that the suggestion alarmed even the most exalted in Belgium and was refused.

HAITI PRESIDENT.

LOUIS BORN RE-ELECTED FOR SECOND TERM.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Port au Prince, April 12.

Louis Borno has been re-elected President of the Republic of Haiti for a second term expiring in 1930.

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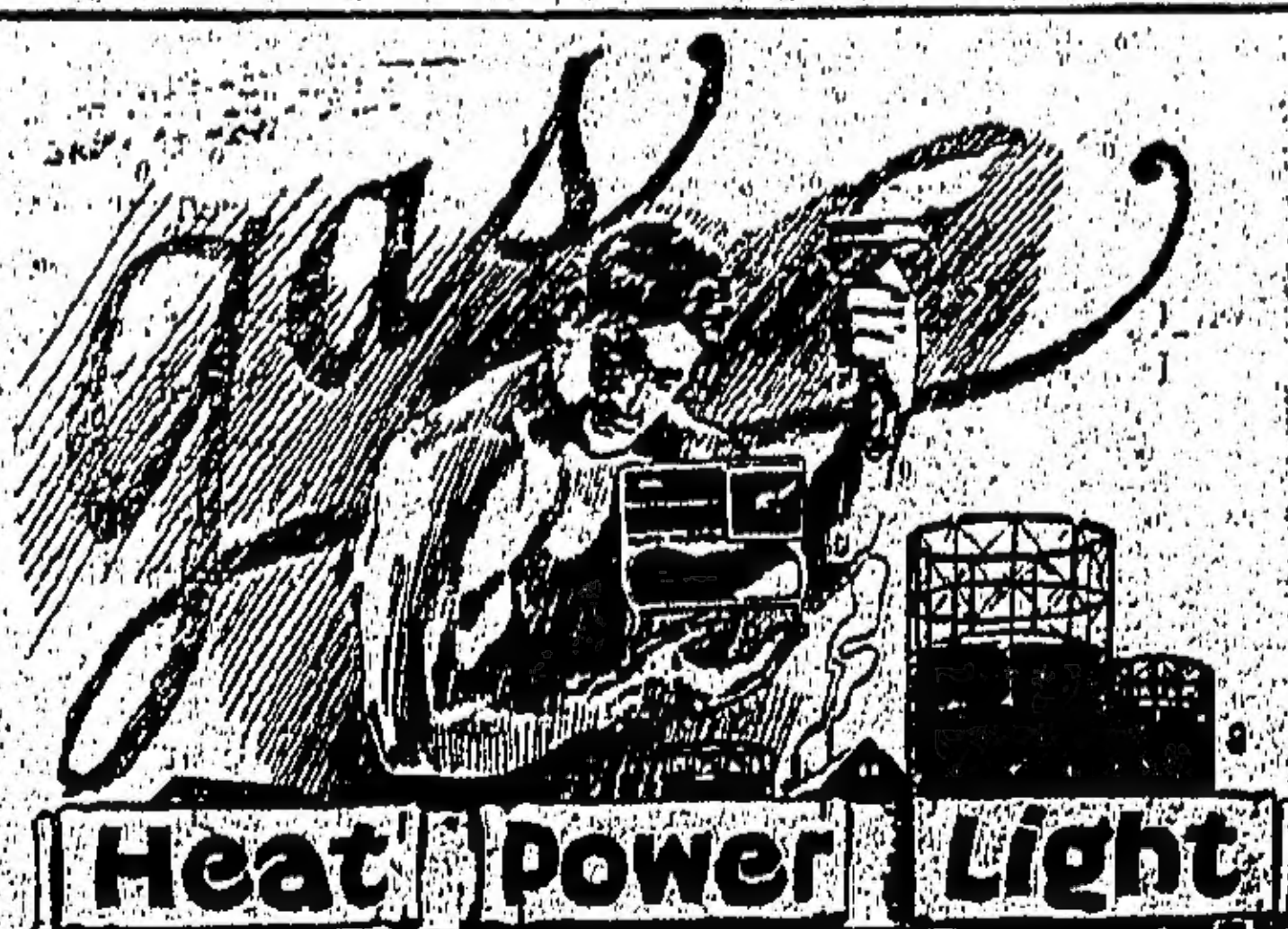


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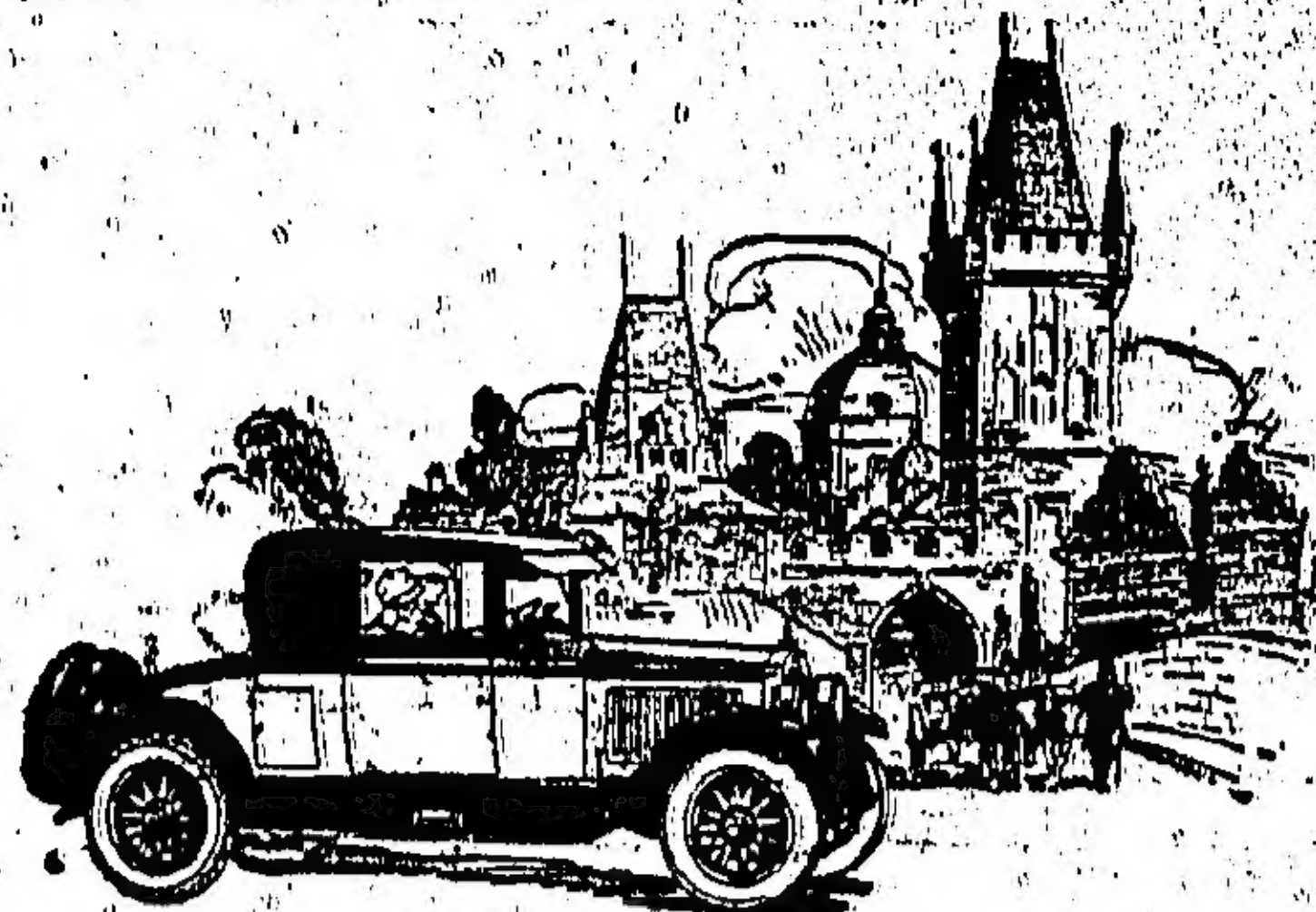
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Look Ah Tam—supposed to be
of Hongkong—the Birkenhead murder-
derer, failed in his appeal against
the death sentence.

A meeting of the members of
the Peak Resident's Association
will be held in the Peak Club on
Monday, April 26, at 6 p.m.

The week-end's return of
notifiable diseases comprised a
case each of small-pox and enteric
fever. Both patients were Chinese,
from the district of Victoria.

France, in connection with
the movement for international
reform of the calendar, has notified
the League of Nations that the
French Government favours fixing
a definite date for Easter between
April 1 and 15.

The Manila bureau of civil
service, announces that 674 com-
petitors participated in the re-
cord examinations distributed as
follows: Junior typist, 447;
junior stenography English, 216;
and junior stenography, Spanish,
11.

State pensions to widows and
orphans were paid for the first
time in Britain on January 5.
It was found that the 20,000 post
offices in the country were more
than equal to dealing with appli-
cants. Altogether between 140-
000 and 150,000 people applied.

New Premises for the Paris
Branch of the Overseas League
were officially opened on Febru-
ary 8, at 41, Rue du Colisée (rond-
point des Champs-Élysées). A
cordial welcome awaits all Mem-
bers. Sleeping accommodation is
available in the Hotel adjoining.
Communications should be ad-
dressed to the Secretary: Miss
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Discussing the smallpox out-
break in Northumberland, Dr.
Whitley, the Medical Officer, stated
that one patient was found sitting
up, playing cards with a number of
friends.

All records were broken in
the Manchester University "stu-
dents' Shrove Tuesday 'Rag' in
aid of local medical charities.
£10,688 has already been counted,
and it is expected that the total
will be £11,000, beating Glasgow's
record of £10,530.

Newport (Mon.) Conserva-
tive Association booked 1,200
seats and two boxes for "Dick
Whittington" at the Lyceum
Theatre. This is a record in
booking for any London or pro-
vincial theatre. The party arrived
from Newport by special trains.

The approximate accommoda-
tion at the different cricket
grounds in England, including
members, is:
Nottingham (Trent Bridge) 25,000
Leeds (Headingley) 25,000
Manchester (Old Trafford) 35,000
Oval 35,000

"Get on with the export
trade."

This was the slogan of the
Prince of Wales during his con-
versation with representatives of
British firms when he toured the
British Industries Fair at
Birmingham. The Prince's visit
was of a hurricane character, and
he visited no fewer than 59 stands
in about 73 minutes.

That the practice of "ca-
sanny" existed among British
workmen in the days of the
Roman occupation was revealed by
Dr. George Macdonald, Perma-
nent Secretary to the Scottish
Education Department, who gave
his second lecture on "Roman
Britain" at the Royal Institution.
He showed a picture of stone in-
scribed in Latin by a British
workman in which he complained
of his chum, "Australs takes a
fortnight's holiday every day."
Another workman had recorded
on stone the fact that he was "fed
up."

London will probably have
sixpenny taxicab fares in the
near future, with 3d. for each
quarter of a mile after the first
half-mile, and either 4s. or 3s. an
hour waiting time.

The German Government has
purchased Major Cayzer's famous
racehorse Poisoned Arrow for the
Altefeld stud for £80,000. Large
as is this sum, it is not a record,
for £83,000 was paid for Tracery
by Ezenor Unzué of the Argentine.
Mr. J. B. Joel paid \$40,000 for
Prince Palatine.

"Somewhere a Voice is Call-
ing"—"Hello"—in the London
telephone area, about 20 times a
second every working day. Lon-
don subscribers make on the aver-
age 1,667,000 calls each working
day, or about 478,600,000 a year,
says a statement dealing with
telephone progress in the London
area during 1925.

"The Philippine Islands is a
treasure land. Its greatest value
or asset is not copra, rice,
tobacco, sugar, lumber, hemp or
rubber—nor all these combined.
The greatest asset of the Philip-
pine Islands is its children. Their
education is your trust and last
consideration." These were the
closing words in the address of
Colonel H. S. Kerrick, who de-
livered the commencement ad-
dress to the graduating class of
the Philippine Normal School.

Last year's birth rate for
England and Wales was the lowest
ever recorded, except in the war
years 1914 and 1915. London's
birth rate, 18 per 1,000 of popula-
tion, is lower even than the aver-
age for the whole country—18.3.
On the other hand, London is the
healthiest spot to select as a birth-
place. Of every 1,000 babies born
in London, 67 die in less than a
year; but for the whole country
the figure is 75 per 1,000 births.
These figures are given in a re-
port issued by the Registrar-
General which shows that London
is also above the average in
health, last year's death rate be-
ing 11.7 per 1,000, compared with
12.2 per 1,000 for the whole
country.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Harry St. James who only
recently arrived in Shanghai
from Japan has been very sud-
denly called to her home in Aus-
tralia owing to the illness of her
mother.

Mr. Pawley, of the A.P.C. at
Hanchow, met with a serious
accident whilst exploring one of
the famous caves on the Western
Hills. He was taken to the
C.M.S. Hospital, where he is
being treated.

The "Straits Times" regret to
learn that a cable has been re-
ceived announcing the death at
his residence, at Eraviporam,
Quilon, at the early age of 23, of
Mr. B. G. Netto, late of Roneo,
Ltd., Singapore.

Bobbing women's hair is un-
Christian and is an "abomination
in the sight of God," says J. H.
Diggs, barber shop owner of
Knoxville who put up a sign say-
ing: "Positively no women's or
girls' hair bobbed here."

Princess Arthur of Connaught
goes to the University College
Hospital daily, changes into a
nurse, uniform and assists in
minor operations. She is most
popular among children on
account of her cheery smile.

At the annual meeting of the
Dover Gas Company, it was stated
that the late accountant and book-
keeper, Mr. W. A. Buckman, had
never made a mistake in the
Company's books during the
thirty years he held that position.

On the occasion of his corona-
tion, the King of Siam has been
made a Knight of the Danish
Order of the Elephant, of the
Norwegian Order of the Lion, and
of the Japanese Order of the
Chrysanthemum, and has received
the Grand Cordon of the Legion
of Honour.

At a meeting of the directors of
the Ipoh Y.M.C.A. it was an-
nounced that Sir George Maxwell,
who had been invited to open the
Association's new buildings, on
the occasion of the visit of Sir
Arthur Yapp, on April 6, had in-
dicated his inability to visit Ipoh
at that time owing to a prior en-
gagement. It was decided to ask
Mr. E. A. Dickson, who has taken
a keen interest in the Association's
building, to perform the
ceremony, and also to invite the
Hon. Mr. B. W. Ellis, Acting
British Resident, Perak, to be
present.

The K.C.C. is to hold its final
dance of the season on Friday
next at the Hongkong Hotel.

Mr. R. M. Austin, of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
with Mrs. Austin, left yesterday
for Shanghai.

The British community at Amoy
gave an At Home on the occasion
of the visit of Viscountess, to the
captain and officers of the boat.

The Prince of Wales and the
Duke of York have given their
patronage to the Navy League
Ball to be held in London on April
21.

Mr. Limage has been appointed
local agent of the Compagnie des
Messageries Maritimes in place of
Mr. C. R. Miollis, who is proceed-
ing home on leave.

Mrs. G. K. Emens, President
of the American Women's Club
at Shanghai in the current issue
of the "Bulletin" says: "An in-
teresting club cannot be made
out of uninterested members."

The marriage took place at St.
John's Church, Kuala Lumpur, on
Easter Monday, of Mr. Frank A.
Boyle, eldest son of the late Mr.
J. W. Boyle and Mrs. Boyle and
Miss Constance, Alice Scully, of
Kuala Lumpur.

A marriage will take place
shortly between Miss Alexandra
Allien, at present touring Japan
with Signor Carpi's Italian Opera
Co., and Mr. J. Lange, Danish Vice-
Consul and a partner in William
Forbes and Co., Pictou.

The sixth concert in aid of the
St. John's Cathedral organ fund
will be held at the Cathedral Hall
at 8 p.m. to-morrow. The artistes
are: Mrs. Davis (soprano);
Mrs. Watt (contralto); Mr. H. E.
Gardner (tenor); and Mr. Li
Chor-chi (baritone) with Mr.
Frederick Mason at the piano.
This is the last of this season's
series of concerts.

It is 20 years ago since Mr.
O. E. F. Wearne, with one assist-
ant, started the motor bus busi-
ness in a small shop in Orchard
Road, Singapore. To-day the
staff numbers over 2,000 includ-
ing upwards of 40 Europeans,
while branches of the firm are
working in Malaya, Penang, Kuala
Lumpur, Ipoh, and Malacca,
with an agency in Sarawak and
a flourishing office in Hongkong
and the Straits Settlements.

Mr. B. Collinson, of the Gas Co.,
and Mrs. Collinson, left the Colony
to-day by the Van Buren.

Mr. Leroy Webber, American
Consul at Amoy, and formerly of
the Hongkong Consulate, has been
transferred to Winnipeg.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. M. Robson
and Mrs. Robson sailed by the
"Fushimi Maru" for home. It
is probable that Mrs. Robson will
not be returning to Malaya.

Mr. and Mrs. George Head, of
York Cottage, Windsor Road, Wink-
field, near Windsor, have just ce-
lebrated their diamond wedding.
They have six neighbours and
friends, all over 80 years of age.

Mr. C. F. C. Ayre, Headmaster,
Anderson School, Ipoh, is leaving
for home on furlough accom-
panied by Mrs. Ayre. Capt. E.
Preedy will act for Mr. Ayre till
the arrival in July in Ipoh of Mr.
T. A. Sullivan, Inspector of
Schools, Penang.

Among passengers leaving by
the s.s. "President McKinley"
sailing for Manila to-morrow is
Mr. W. Narandas, general man-
ager of Messrs. D. Chellaram,
silk merchants of Queen's Road
Central. He is leaving on an
extended holiday which will be
spent mostly at Hyderabad.

The death, from cerebral hæ-
morrhage, is announced of Mr.
Thomas Felix Cuthbertson,
famously known as "Togo." He
was found unconscious at
Cavenagh Bridge, Singapore, in a
ricksha, and removed to hospital.
He had been in Malaya at least
17 years being formerly a civil
engineer, then a planter, and
afterwards in a billet under
Government.

Says the "Overseas" for
March:—

Mr. Rice's successful tour—
Mr. Eric Rice, our Travelling
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he has enrolled on his present
tour must be approaching
the 700 mark. We are very proud
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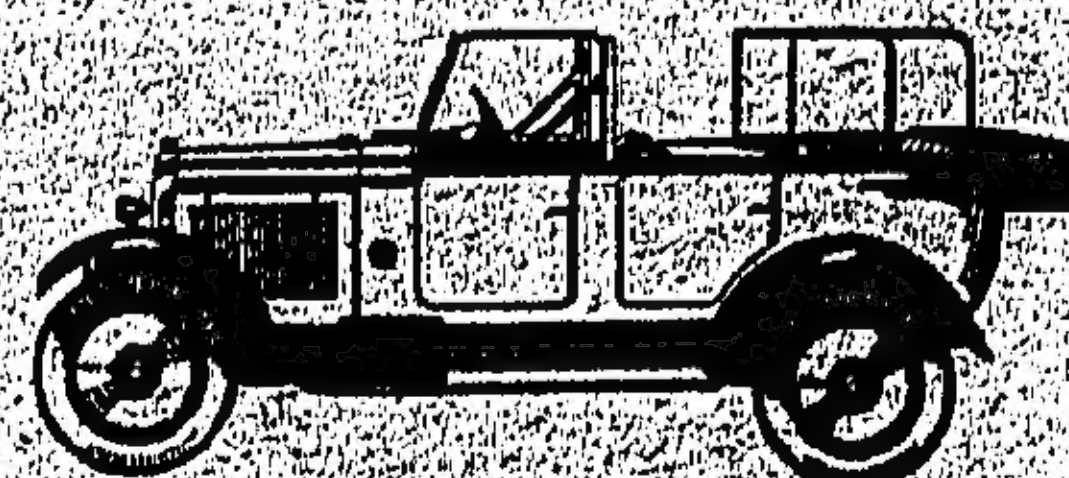
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HOME FOOTBALL.

FIVE ENGLISH LEAGUE GAMES YESTERDAY.

HUDDERSFIELD MAKE SURE.

(Reguter's Service.)

London, April 12.

The following matches in the English League were played to-day:

First Division.

Huddersfield 3, Bolton W. 0.

Second Division.

Wolverhampton 0, Fulham 0.

Swansea 0, Clapton Orient 0.

Port Vale 1, Notts Forest 1.

Third Division—North.

New Brighton 1, Tranmere 0.

REVISED TABLES.

Division I.

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Huddersfield 40 23 11 6 89 53 57

Arsenal 38 20 7 11 79 59 47

Sunderland 40 20 6 14 92 74 46

Sheffield U. 38 17 7 14 91 77 41

Aston Villa 39 15 11 13 80 71 41

Bolton W. 38 16 8 14 70 70 40

Bury 39 17 6 15 76 76 40

Liverpool 39 13 13 13 63 59 39

Tottenham 39 15 9 15 65 70 39

Everton 39 10 18 11 67 69 38

Leicester 40 14 10 16 66 73 38

Blackburn 40 14 10 16 66 73 38

W. Bromwich 39 15 8 16 75 71 38

Cardiff City 38 15 6 17 54 68 36

Manch. U. 36 15 6 15 65 65 36

Newcastle U. 38 13 10 15 74 69 36

West Ham 39 14 7 18 62 72 35

Birmingham 38 14 7 17 63 73 35

Leeds U. 39 13 7 19 59 73 33

Notts County 39 12 7 20 47 65 31

Burnley 38 11 9 18 76 99 31

W. Chester C. 39 10 11 18 82 94 31

Division II.

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday 39 24 6 9 81 54 54

Derby C. 38 23 7 8 73 58 53

Sheff. W. 38 23 7 8 73 58 53

Swansea 37 18 9 11 71 53 45

Port Vale 39 19 9 13 75 60 44

Blackpool 39 17 9 13 75 66 43

Middlesbrough 39 17 9 13 75 66 43

South Shields 40 17 8 15 68 60 42

Peterborough 39 15 10 14 72 72 41

Wolves 38 17 7 14 72 51 41

Oldham 38 16 8 14 64 55 40

Preston 39 16 6 17 64 81 38

Hull City 37 14 9 14 50 57 37

Sunderland 40 15 8 17 51 53 37

Darlington 39 12 9 17 53 70 35

Bradford C. 38 13 8 17 43 56 35

Notts Forest 38 13 8 17 43 56 35

Barnsley 37 11 11 15 52 67 33

Fulham 38 9 10 19 40 58 28

Clapton 38 10 7 21 48 72 27

Stockport 39 7 8 24 44 92 22

Division III (South).

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Reading 39 21 11 7 66 46 53

Plymouth 38 22 7 9 100 63 51

Millwall 38 21 8 9 68 51 51

Bristol C. 39 20 9 10 65 44 49

Brighton 38 18 8 12 79 67 44

Southend 38 19 3 16 75 62 41

Swindon 38 17 6 15 57 47 40

Gillingham 39 16 7 16 50 47 37

Northants 37 16 7 14 75 79 39

Luton 39 16 6 17 73 73 38

B'mouth 38 15 8 15 64 83 33

Crystal P. 38 16 8 14 68 69 37

Aberdare 38 14 8 16 68 63 36

Newport 39 14 8 17 58 67 36

Norwich 38 15 6 17 52 65 36

Brentford 38 15 5 17 74 79 35

Watford 38 13 9 16 65 76 33

Merthyr 39 12 10 17 56 72 32

Charlton 38 10 13 15 42 59 31

Bristol R. 38 12 6 20 57 63 30

Exeter 38 11 6 21 60 66 29

Q. P. R. 39 5 9 25 34 77 19

Division III (North).

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Rochdale 39 25 5 9 97 55 55

Bradford 39 24 7 8 91 41 55

Grimsby 38 23 4 11 73 38 54

Chesham 38 23 4 11 73 38 54

Halifax 39 16 11 12 50 43 43

Nelson 38 16 10 12 82 58 41

Hartlepool 39 17 7 15 75 68 41

Athlington 40 15 11 14 67 50 41

Crewe 38 17 6 15 60 57 40

N. Brighton 39 17 6 16 68 65 40

Tranmere 39 17 5 17 65 79 39

Doncaster 37 14 11 12 69 59 39

Durham 38 16 5 17 68 67 37

Coventry 39 15 6 18 76 73 37

Rotherham 38 15 6 17 61 86 36

Wigan 38 12 11 15 65 65 35

Accrington 38 15 3 20 69 93 32

Lincoln 38 14 5 19 60 78 31

Wrexham 38 10 11 18 82 80 30

Southport 38 8 10 19 55 86 28

Walsall 39 9 6 24 105 102 21

Barrow 39 6 3 30 44 94 15

Scottish League.

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Celtic 35 22 8 5 85 36 52

Airdrieonians 35 22 4 10 40 48 48

Hearts 36 19 8 9 78 54 45

Motherwell 38 19 8 11 67 46 46

St. Mirren 35 10 7 18 57 49 37

Kangor 37 18 6 13 77 55 42

Falkirk 36 14 13 10 58 49 40

Cowdenbeath 36 17 6 13 79 64 42

CRICKET TOUR.

M.C.C. TEAM TO VISIT INDIA?

"LIKELY TO BE STRONG."

There is a strong likelihood that the proposed visit of the M.C.C. to India in the coming cold weather will materialise. "The Statesman" understands, though it may be some few weeks yet before an official announcement is made.

The original intention of the M.C.C. was to send out a team of 14 players, including two or three of the younger professionals. If the tour is made, matches are likely to be played at Karachi, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Rangoon, Calcutta, Nagpur and Lahore.

It was stated some months ago in a Home sporting paper that if the team went to India, the Hon. P. S. G. Calhorne, who led the M.C.C. team in the West Indies, will captain the tourists. If he feels he has had too much travelling lately and does not care to undertake the trip, the captain may be the Hon. L. H. Tennyson.

The team is likely to be as strong as, if not stronger than, the combination which visited the West Indies, for there are many cricketers at Home who have no delusions about the strength of cricket in India, particularly in Bombay and Calcutta, as well as in Ceylon, where picked teams have consistently fared well against M.C.C. and Australian teams passing through.

"SWIRE" CUP.

TAIKOO RIFLE SHOOTING RESULT.

The thirteenth competition for the Swire Challenge (rifle shooting) Cup—between the staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Taikoo Sugar Refinery, Taikoo Dockyard, and the China Navigation Co. Ltd., took place on the Taikoo Range, Quarry Bay, on Sunday morning.

The following practices were carried out:—
200 yards, deliberate, 4 ft. musketry target.
200 yards, snap-shooting, 22 inch snap-shooting target.
300 yards, snap-shooting, 4 ft. musketry target.
300 yards, rapid 4 ft. musketry target.
500 yards, deliberate, 6 ft. musketry target.

The total possible number of points were 110.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there were fifteen competitors, and Mr. M. A. A. Macintosh proved to be the winner, with a net score of 75 which with a handicap of 6 gave him an aggregate of 81.

Mr. K. McLennan secured second place with a total score of 79 (handicap 4). Mr. N. Drummond was third, his score being 71.

The cup, presented by Mr. G. W. Swire, is a very handsome one of English silver and has to be won three times to become the property of the holder. Each year's winner is presented with a miniature replica and has his name engraved on the cup stand.

Previous winners have been: Messrs. B. F. Chapman, W. M. Scott (twice), D. Young, W. Budge, H. T. Heath, G. E. Stewart, W. J. Eldridge (twice), and C. H. Summers (twice).

GOALS.

Kilmarnock 36 16 7 13 74 70 38
Aberdeen 36 13 9 14 48 50 35
Dundee 37 13 9 15 43 55 35
Hamilton A. 35 12 9 14 65 74 31
Partick T. 35 9 13 13 59 64 31
Queen's Park 36 13 4 19 65 78 30
Hibernians 36 12 5 19 70 74 29
Morton 35 11 7 16 52 76 29
Dundee U. 36 11 5 20 50 68 29
St. Johnstone 37 9 10 18 43 78 27
Raith R. 36 11 3 21 44 78 25
Clydebank 36 7 7 21 52 15 21

GOALS.

The following was the position of teams in the Second Division of the Scottish League on March 5.

GOALS.

Ayr United 37 17 11 4 67 34 49
Dunfermline 39 19 5 8 50 35 44
Clyde 39 19 5 8 50 35 44
Paisley 39 15 10 5 58 35 43
East Fife 39 15 7 8 77 62 37
Third Lanark 35 10 14 11 54 35 35
Dumbarton 39 13 8 9 50 36 34
Nithdale 38 14 5 11 66 54 34
Arbroath 39 15 3 11 64 50 32
Bo'ness 38 14 4 13 57 35 32
King's Park 39 12 7 11 54 31 31
Arthurlie 39 12 5 15 68 59 29
Albion R. 39 12 5 15 68 59 29
St. Bernard 39 12 5 15 68 59 29
Armadale 39 10 7 12 65 61 29
Queen's Park 39 10 7 12 65 61 29
Alloa 39 10 7 12 65 61 29
Bathgate 39 10 7 12 65 61 29
E. Stirling 39 10 7 12 65 61 29
Broxburn 39 10 7 12 65 61 29

FURTHER NOTES.

LINCOLNSHIRE DETAILS BY MAIL.

ALSO GRAND NATIONAL.

Results and brief notes on the Lincolnshire (first big event of Home flat racing season) and the Grand National (the "Derby" of British) steeplechasing were cabled by Reuter and published locally. Further notes by mail on these two races are:—

Lincolnshire Runners.

London, March 24.

The result of the Lincolnshire is as follows:—

King of Clubs (Pat Donoghue) 1; Zionist (Smirke) 2; Vestington Star (Dimes) 3.

Betting: 100 to 1 against King of Clubs, 9 to 2 against Zionist, 25 to 1 against Vestington Star.

Twenty-six ran.

King of Clubs won by a head; three-quarters of a length separated second and third.

The other runners and jockeys were:—

Coram (Keogh); Windward (Elliot); First Edition (H. Gardner); Congo (H. Beasley); Lusternu (Semblat); Donzelon (Beary); Evander (Wragg); Brighton London (Perryman); Dignity (Dempsey); Boxhill (Weston); Ornamentation (Lindborg); Argolis (S. Donoghue); King Willow (Walsh); Pasha (H. Leach); Birch Broom (A. Burns); Yellow Underwing (C. Richards); Grave Fairy (Howard); Westmead (Caldwell); Jeddart (Hookley); Rocketeer (Morris); Nothing Venture (Sirrett); Polymilom (Christie); Sun God II (Winder).

[Yellow Underwing was ridden by C. Richards in place of Gordon Richards, who would have ridden, but for the fact that he was confined to bed, suffering from a chill.]

How King of Clubs Won.

There was sunshine, and the going was perfect for the big race. A good start was made, except that Birch Broom lost ground.

Vestington Star jumped off in front of King of Clubs, Dignity, First Edition, Donzelon, Nothing Venture, Zionist, Congo, and Lusternu until about half way, when Zionist improved. Below the distance Zionist closed with Vestington Star and King of Clubs.

Boxhill was now fourth.

Close home King of Clubs had a slight lead from Zionist and Vestington Star.

It was a most exciting finish. Boxhill was fourth, and Lusternu fifth. Argolis and Jeddart were the last pair.

Zionist appeared to be hampered in the last stages.

Time: 1 min., 42 4-5 secs.

Romance of Uncertainty.

The traditional romance of fascinating uncertainty in regard to the first big flat race of the season was fully maintained in today's event, in which an ex-selling plater ridden by the young son of the famous Steve Donoghue, passed the post only a head in front of the classic bred Zionist.

Pat Donoghue's success, which is his first notable win, breaks the run of French successes during the last two years, and it also plays havoc with 99 per cent. of the Lincoln-Grand National doubles.

King of Clubs had ten outings last year, twice winning, mostly over shorter courses than the Carlisle.

Grand National Details.

London, March 26.

The Grand National resulted as follows:—

Jack Horner (Watkinson) 1; Old Tay Bridge (J. Anthony) 2; Bright's Boy (E. Doyle) 3; Sprix (T. Leader) 4.

The other starters were: Silvio (F. Rees); Gerald (L. Brooks); Arden (Trudgill); Mount Etna (Dennis); Ben Cruchan (Whitebread); Koko (Hume); Knight of Wilderness (Meany); Dargood (Gurney); Thrown in (Hon. G. Cravenor); Red Bee (Sham); Dwarf of Forest (Lunnard); Pattee (Major Cavenagh); Upton Lad (Dutton); Greelan Wave (Meany); White Surrey (Tighe); Leo Bridge (Stott); Pencoe (Thomson); Master Billie (Foster); Michael (Parvin); Lonehand (T. Morgan); Pophead (Regan, Jr.); Soldier Bill (Goads); Cash Box (Reed); Test Match (L. Strange); Wall End (Capt. Lumsden); Jolly Glad (P. Dennis).

Thirty ran. Won by three lengths, a length between second and third.

The betting was—25 to 1 against Jack Horner; 8 to 1 against Old Tay Bridge; 25 to 1 against Bright's Boy.

Spills at Becher's Brook.

On setting down Old Tay Bridge led from Sprix, while Horner and Bright's Boy held second and third.

From halfway onwards, the race was a close-run thing, with Jack Horner leading, followed by Old Tay Bridge, Bright's Boy, and Sprix.

On the last lap, Jack Horner was in the lead, followed by Old Tay Bridge, Bright's Boy, and Sprix.

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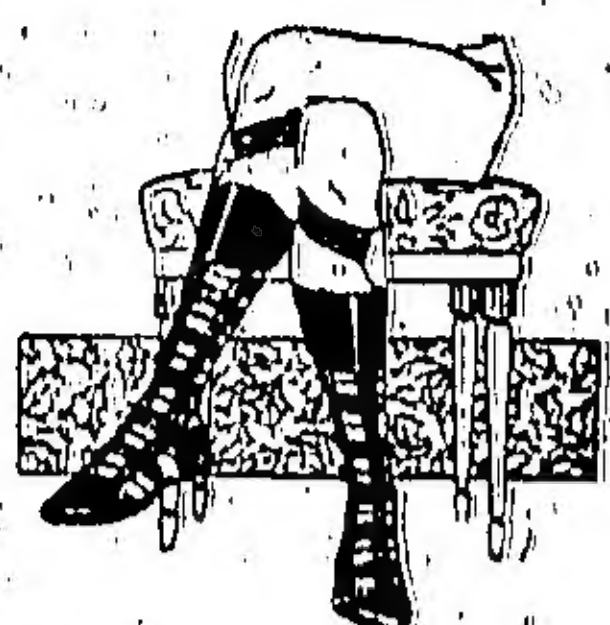
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Although he has considerable skill as a boxer, as he demonstrated when he took lessons from Freddie Welsh, the former light-weight champion, John Coolidge (son of the U.S. President) lost a three round bout at Amherst to Matt Silverman, a fellow student. In the picture John is seen boxing with his instructor.



LIEUT. COMMANDER BYRD

Lieutenant-Commander Richard E. Byrd will lead an aerial expedition to the Arctic in an effort to reach the North Pole. He is financed by Edsel Ford and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., it is reported.



FRANK CAMMARATA & MRS. KATHERINE IVEY

Bubbling over with sympathy for Frank Cammarata, a debonair bandit suspect, Mrs. Katherine Ivey talked to nine of twelve jurors in a Detroit court, urging them to acquit him. Judge Skillman found out, and sentenced Mrs. Ivey to thirty days in jail for contempt of court.



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JOHN P. HILL

Congressman John Philip Hill, described as a "wet" advocate, accepted the challenge of Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, a "dry," to get him drunk on Baltimore beer. Blanton claimed in Congress that Baltimore was "wide open," and Hill countered by offering to drink all the beer there that Blanton would buy. If Hill got drunk he was to pay \$100 to the Anti-Saloon League, otherwise Blanton was to donate \$100 to a "wet" organization.



THOMAS L. BLANTON

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, who made the other side of the bet.



"MANNY" KESSLER

Manny Kessler, who once was called "king of the Broadway boot-leggers," has been arrested by Federal agents and charged with failing to pay \$1,560,000 income tax in 1923.



SARAH Z. SMITH

Sarah Zeigler Smith (sixteen years old) was held in jail at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on a charge of possessing a revolver. Her people were said to be trying to annul her marriage with a coloured man.

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Clementine, Viola, and Antoinette, three daughters of Mrs. Theresa Siciliano, attended the trial of their mother at New York on a charge of causing the death of pretty Marie Nicolini, who, according to the prosecution, aroused Mrs. Siciliano's jealousy in a "triangle drama."



MRS. THERESA SICILIANO

The fate of Mrs. Theresa Siciliano, who was charged with the murder of pretty Marie Nicolini in New York, hung on her claim that she was having her hair bobbed at the time of the murder, while Miss Nicolini was known to be in a distant part of the city.



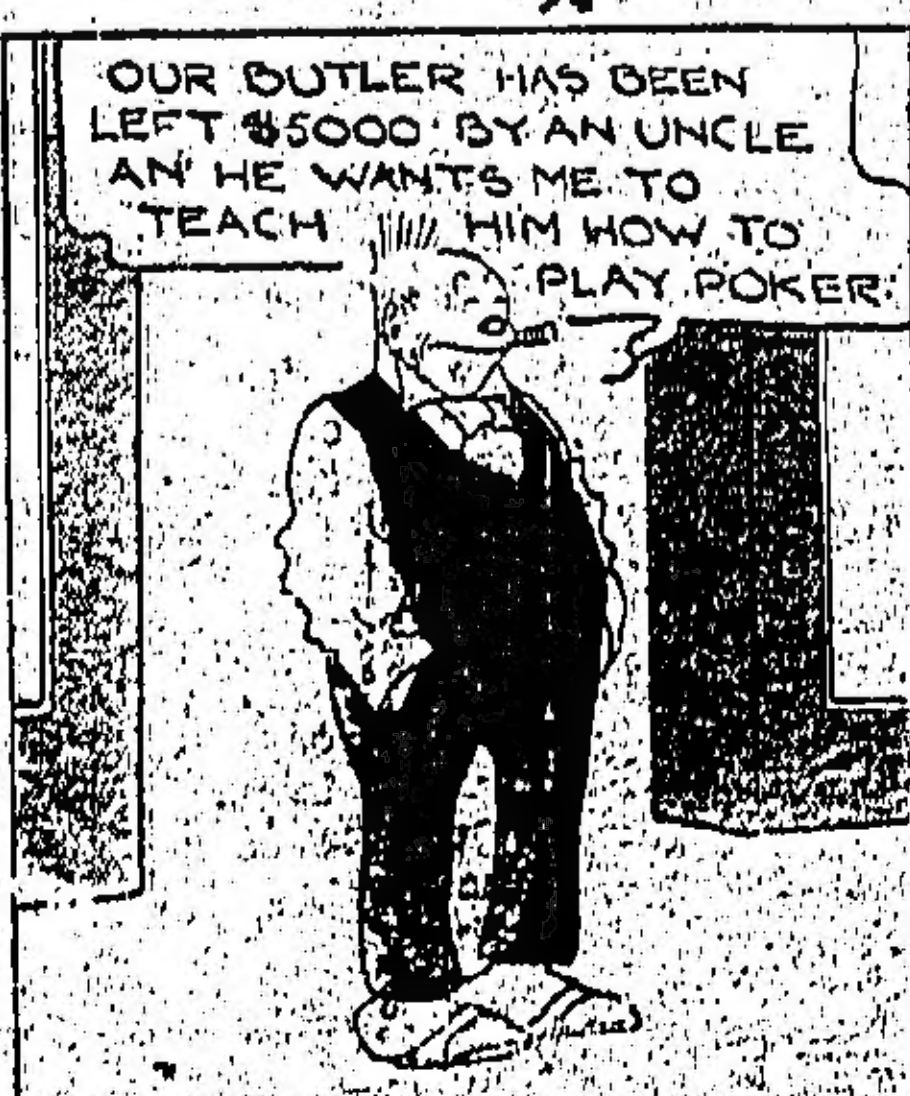
GIOVANNI MORELLI

Giovanni Morelli, a barber, believes he will be eminently fitted to sing in the "Barber of Seville" when he has succeeded as a concert singer and gone into grand opera. Giovanni is to make his concert debut at New York.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

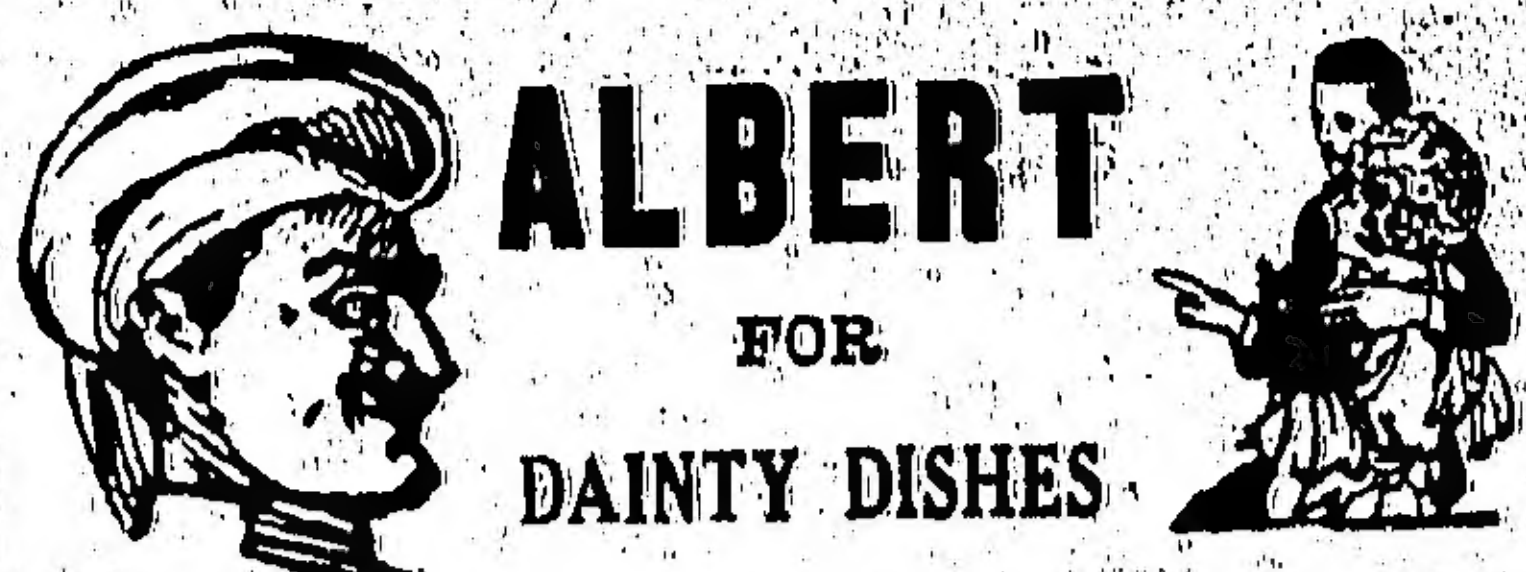
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It was in 1881 that the late Sir Frederick Bramwell, in a discussion on the Dawson gas producer held by the Engineering Section of the British Association, then meeting at York, ventured on the prediction that by the year 1881 the steam would be regarded merely as an interesting relic of a bygone age, having been superseded by the internal-combustion engine. Two years later Sir Charles Parsons built the first of his 'compound' steam turbines. This had, we believe, a steam rate of something like 210 lb. per kilowatt-hour, and an output of perhaps 5 kw. Insignificant as it might well seem, this constituted the "cloud no bigger than a man's hand" which was destined to spread, and to overcast the fairest prospect, then opening before the internal-combustion engine, and to secure a new lease of life for steam. At the time Sir Frederick Bramwell spoke, the gas engine required probably about 12,000 British thermal units per brake horse-power hour developed. This would now, of course, be considered a very poor performance, but it was nevertheless most markedly superior to that of the first of the compound steam turbines. It is not surprising, therefore, that for years most practical engineers derided the possibilities of the latter, the difficulties in the path of which were increased by the fact that the steam turbine is essentially a large-unit machine, whilst at the outset there was no market for high-speed prime movers of other than the very smallest sizes. The early turbines were, moreover, non-condensing, and failed, accordingly, to benefit by the fact that the turbine can utilise the "toe of the diagram," which is necessarily rejected by the reciprocator.

It was under these, exceptionally adverse conditions that Sir Charles Parsons essayed the task of proving the commercial practicability of his ideas, but it was extremely uphill work. A fair field was, in fact, not secured till 1892, when the first condensing steam turbine was erected at the Cambridge power station. The bold decision to install this untested type here, was due to Sir Alfred Ewing, who had to face not a little hostile criticism in consequence. The official tests, however, triumphantly justified him, the steam consumption recorded being 28 lb. of steam per kilowatt-hour, which was quite as good as that of the average reciprocator set at the date in question. To those with vision, the test results then recorded were an indication of much better things to come, and on the suggestion of the late Charles Brown, Sir William

Lindley decided in 1898 to order from Messrs. Parsons a 1,000-kw. unit for the Elberfeld Power station, where there was insufficient space available for the accommodation of reciprocating sets of the output required. As was natural under the circumstances, the terms of the contract were very stringent in respect to the guarantees, and provided for the making of exhaustive tests under the direction and supervision of Professor Schröter of Munich. Prof. Weber of Zurich and Sir William Lindley himself. The result was a striking victory for the new prime mover. The builders' guarantees were easily surpassed, a condition which, it may be said, incidentally, has almost become a habit with the Heaton firm. The steam rate attained was 19.4 lb. per kilowatt-hour, which was a better figure than had then been reached by the best reciprocating sets. For several succeeding years the latter were, however, still installed by the more conservative of power station engineers; but the limit of improvement in their efficiency was soon attained, whilst that of the turbine showed a steady progression. In 1906 a new record was established with a 4,000-kw. set supplied to the Carville station of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Electricity Supply Company, with which a steam rate of 13.28 lb. per kilowatt-hour was attained. The corresponding figure for a 50,000-kw. set recently constructed by Messrs. Parsons for the Crawford Avenue Power Station in Chicago is estimated at 8.88 lb. per kilowatt-hour—"Engineering."



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LIVE BRIDGE.

ELECTRIC WIRES WEDGED UNDER IT.

While passing under a low railway bridge over Pottery-lane, Openshaw, Manchester, a large steel boiler, weighing six tons, became wedged against the overhead tramway wires, pushing them into contact with the metal bridge, which became electrified. The lorry and boiler also became "live," but the driver escaped injury. The current twisted and buckled the lines of a coal-siding near the bridge and affected the track signalling apparatus to three signal-boxes. Lovers controlling the sliding points also became "live" and the pointsman had to leave them. Tramway cars were unable to pass the spot for three hours and passengers had to make a detour on foot to join other cars. Mr. G. Brumpton, a signaller on duty in the cabin nearest to the bridge, said to a "Daily Mail" reporter: "I saw a bluish flame burning round one of the rails in the coal siding. The signal-bells began to ring, and continued for 20 minutes or so. Two other signal-boxes were similarly affected."

WIFE AS COUNSEL.

Tottenham Magistrate: I am inclined to send you to prison. Wife of the man in the dock: If you send him to prison you don't punish him—you punish me and the children. Magistrate: I agree. He shall pay 40s.

A hot controversy took place in Honolulu recently among members of the congregation of the Kawaiahae Church, famous Hawaiian religious institution, when the question came up as to whether the Hawaiian hula should be danced on the church premises. The congregation was planning a benefit social in the church's club house and the hula was suggested as one of the numbers on the programme. Advocates of the dance pointed out that the hula was originally a religious dance and that there should be no objection to it as part of the programme. Those who were opposed to it said the hula had no place on the church premises, and finally carried their point, when the Reverend Akaka Akana ruled that it should not be given on the church grounds. Kawaiahae is one of the oldest institutions in the islands, still standing on its original site. Surrounding grass houses of another age have long since been replaced by stately edifices of a modern civic character. It was built from coral stone with the help of King Kamehameha III and given to the Hawaiians.

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